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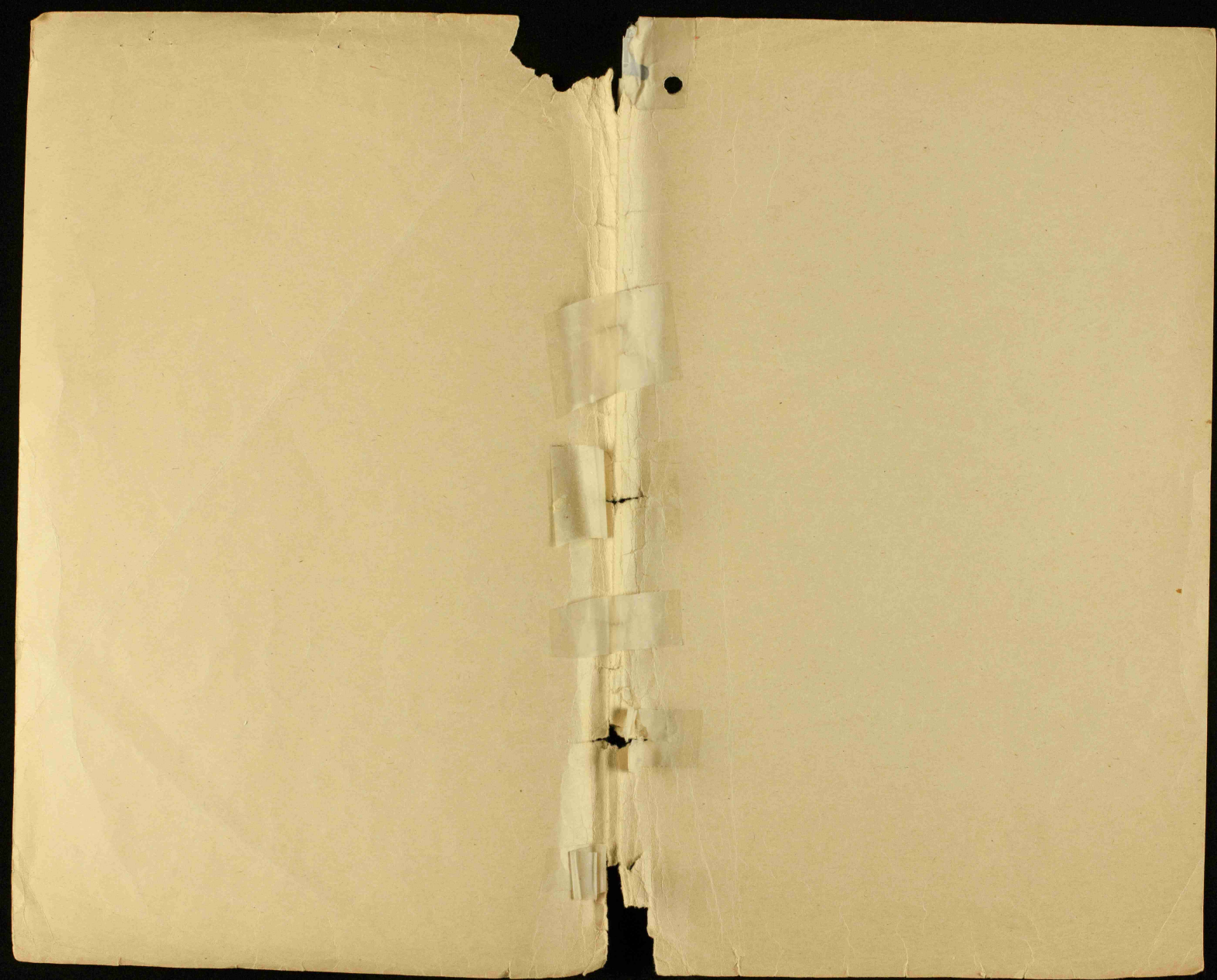
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MINUTE SHEET

FILE NO... 16032/B

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11/5	FWD 21214	Shaeff	Repat.-Russians	1A		
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30/5	—	1 Cdr Ay	— . —	3A		
31/5	—	Shaeff	Repat.	4A		
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8/6	609/5/MG	1 Corps	Repat.-Russians	6A		
6/7	—	1, 8, 30 Corps, Loj	Repat.-Soviet Nationals	7A		
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17/7	S 12752	Shaeff	Repat.-Russians	10A		
22/7	—	DR 116	Russian Repat	11A		
24/7	15856/13/CA	DM Gr.	Ident. of Soviet Citizens	2A		
13/8	15856/13/ADCA/MG	—	—	13A		
16/8	—	Policy Sec	Repat.-Russians	14A		
15/8	383.7(389)	CDPX	Repat.-Soviet Citizens	15A		
17/8	AWDP/5804	Policy Sec	Status-Russian Women	16A		
17/8	—	CA/MG 1(6)	Russian - Policy	17A	- Branch slip from MG 1(6)	
23/8	Pol 289	Polit. Div.	Soviet Citizens	18A		
24/8	MG 186	30 Corps	— . —	19A		
30/8	—	1, 8, 30 Corps	— . —	20A		
27/8	229/MG/385	MG. Hannover	Nationality Status	21A		
31/8	520/41	USJEL	Marriages DPs	22A	- checked to Policy Sec 8/9	
1/9	1736	30 Corps	Russians	23A		
—	—	—	— - guide to Soviet Nationality	24A		
8/9	1807/82	30 Corps	Russians	25A		
9/9	—	Ex Russian LO	Repat. Soviet Cit.	26A		
10/9	—	Legal Div	— . —	27A		
25/8	W 229.	F.O.	Rep. of D.P.	28A		
11/9	Legal/Hell TS 88.	Protop Dt. Legal.	Soviet Repat. Problems	29A		
12/9	—	A (Co. ord)	Guide to Soviet Problems	30.		
17/9	20 Letter to Maj Gen. Kirby.	Re (Russian)	—	31A-BC.		
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15/10	519/37A/MG	8 Corps	Repat. Soviet Citizens	47A		
11/10	ALGUS 95	Berlin	— . —	48A		
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31/10	1717	1,8, 30 Corps	Soviet Repat. Grads	50A		
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5/11	GA 877	8 Corps	Soviet Boards	53A	
8/11	58044/pol	PW & DP	Repat. - Soviet Citizens	54A	
9/11	237/DP	30 Corps	Repat. Boards	55A	
10/11	17493/AL	Allied Liaison	Repat. - Soviet Citizens	56A	
13/11	—	1,8130 Corps	Guide to Soviet Repat. Problems	57A	
23/10	603/3/MG	1 Corps	Repat. of remaining Soviet citizens	58A	
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30/11	—	1 Corps	Repat. of remaining Soviet citizens	64A	
29/11	237/DP	30 Corps	Soviet Repat. Boards	65A	
30/11	Legal/LAO/52427/4/2	Legal Div.	Repat. of Soviet Citizens	66A	
30/11	132/2/CA	LoFC	Publications	67A	
4/12	237/DP	30 Corps	Documents folder cover	68A	
10/12	—	Legal Div	Repat. - Soviet citizens	69A	
10/12	—	1 Corps	—	70A	
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13/12	0149/776	WO. CA(DP)	Soviet Repat.	74A	To 16043/6 13/12
17/12	237/DP	30 Corps	Soviet Repat. Boards	75A	
27/12	58044/pol.	PW & DP	Repat. - Soviet Citizens	76A	
16/1	17493/AL	Allied Liaison	Directives - Soviet Repat	77A	



22 Jan.	—	PWDP Dis.	Directives re Repatriation Soviet Citizens	78A.
16/1.	Supra 343.	Inspectors.	Repat. Soviet Nationals.	79A.
22/1.	75884.	Bercomb.	Soviet Nationals.	80A.
<del>22/1.</del>	<del>B402/17493/L.</del>	<del>Allied Prison.</del>	<del>Repat. Soviet Nationals</del>	<del>81A.</del>
			passed to DP Files.	
22/1.	606/3/M5.	1 Corps.	Soviet Citizens in Polish DP Camps.	82A.
23/1.	M5 439.	8 Corps.	Soviet Nationals outside camps.	83A.
23/1.	M5 935.	1 Corps.	Soviet Nationals.	84A.
23/1.	ECLB/BM/6/263.	Inspectors.	Expedite Reply to Supra. 343.	85A.
24/1.	ECLB/BM/9/263	Inspectors.	Soviet Nationals	86A.
24/1	ARGUS 330	Bercomb	—	87A.
25/1	75902	Bercomb	Soviet Nationals	88A.
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25 ..	BGCC 4502.	Bercomb.	—	90A.
30 Jan.	237/DP.	30 Corps.	Soviet Repat. Boards.	91A.
31 Jan.	237/DP.	30 Corps.	—	92A.
31 Jan.	PWDP/58092/pol.	Chief PW & DP Div.	Repat of Soviet Citizens	93A.
4 Feb.	—	30 Corps	Soviet Repat Boards.	94A.
4 Feb.	—	30 Corps.	—	95A.
22/1	CCG 75885	Bercomb.	Repat Unwilling Soviet Nats.	96A.
27/1	M9 72.	30 Corps.	Soviet Citizens lining outside DP Camps.	97A.
16/1	Supra 343.	Inspectors.	Use of force in Repat of Soviet Citizens	98A.
14/1 Feb.	237/DP.	30 Corps.	Soviet Repatriation Boards.	98A.
22/1 Feb.	—	30 Corps.	Soviet Repatriation Boards.	99A.
13 Mar	BGCC 6209.	Bercomb.	Repat of Soviet Citizens	100A.



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Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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DTG 131231A  
TOR 131625A

TO: TROOPERS.

INFO: CONCOMB

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BG006209. (AMQ/11101/5(SEC P). 13 MAR 46.

FOR COLB.

SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS.

REF ARGUS 378 DATED 21 FEB.

SITUATION IN THE ZONE BECOMING INCREASING DIFFICULT AS REGARDS  
THIS QUESTION. UNLESS POLICY DECISION IS GIVEN IMMEDIATELY WE  
SHALL BE PLACED IN A MOST EMBARRASSING POSITION.

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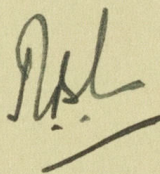
22 Feb 46

HQ 30 Corps District (PWX/DP Sec)

SUBJECT: SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

Ref your letter No. 237/DP dated 14 Feb 46.

In view of the provisions of this HQ TPM CCG 76566 PWDPX2 dated 6 Feb it is not proposed at present to proceed further with the suggestions raised in your letter under reference. Cases of difficulty should be reported to this HQ in accordance with Confidential letter No. BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a) dated 30 Aug 45, para 3.



R.B. LONGE, Lt. Col.,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RBL/JPP



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SUBJECT:- SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

HQ 30 Corps District,  
237/DP,  
14 Feb 46.

PW & DP Div,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BUNDE, BAOR.



The work of SOVIET Repatriation boards in most of this area though effected as thoroughly as possible under the circumstances, has not proved conclusive.

2. In order to ensure that these boards can make conclusive decisions the following aids are requested:-

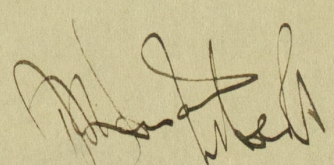
- (a) A large-scale map of the SOVIET boundary as at 1 Sep 39, with especial ref to the section bordering the UKRAINE.
- (b) A gazetteer of the district on either side of the frontier bordering the UKRAINE.
- (c) If possible an expert on the questions that naturally arise when considering whether a man is SOVIET or POLISH, who could advise the Boards.

3. With regards to para 2 (c) above, it is realized that such an expert may be very difficult to obtain. However it is felt that a regt soldier is soon out of his depth when considering the legal and topographical questions that arise.

4. If the Boards are ever to reach a just decision and if the question of SOVIET Repatriation is ever to be cleared up, it is urged that the requests in para 2 be granted.

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See

  
Lt-General,  
Commanding 30 Corps.



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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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FROM: HQ 30 CORPS DIST.

TO: CONCOMB

IY 38022  
DTO 271130A  
TOR 271600A

MG 72. 27 JAN.

FOR PW DP DIV. YOUR CCG/75885/PWDPIXI) OF 221655A.

ESTIMATE 3,000 SOVIET CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE CAMPS. THIS  
EXCL LARGE NUMBERS UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY SOME OF WHOM MAY  
ULTIMATELY PROVE SOVIET CITIZENS.

DTO 271130A

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Originator's No.

COG/75885(FWDPX1) 22 Jan (.) SECRET (.) Troopers state policy regarding use of force to repatriate unwilling Soviet Nationals under reconsideration (.)

Can you supply rough estimate numbers of Soviet nationals living outside Camps and therefore liable to forcible repat under existing instrs (.) Reply by 28 Jan

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Persons from LITHUANIA, LATVIA and ESTONIA who  
home will be enabled to do so.

Persons from these countries who do not wish to  
not be compelled to do so and the British authorities  
for the maintenance of all such persons in the

Lithuanian

Asmenys iš Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos, kuri  
galės tai padaryti.

Asmenys iš šių kraštų, kurie nenori grįžti nam  
daryti. Britų Valdžios organai rūpinsis visų  
išlaikymu Britų zonoje.

Personām no Lietuvas, Latvijas un Igaunijas, k  
mājās, tiks dota iespēja to darīt.

Latvian

Minēto zemju personas, kas nevēlas atgriezties  
spiestas to darīt un angļu iestādes rūpēsies p  
esošu personu uzturēšanu.

Leedu, Lāti ja Eesti kodanikele võimaldatakse  
kodumaale tagasipöörduda.

Estonian

Ülalnainitud maade kodanikke, kes ei soovi kod  
selleks ei sunnita ja Briti võimad hoolitsevad  
tsoonis viibivate isikute ülalpidamise eest.



Tel: 2760

Ref: PWS/16032/1/Exec.1

15. 15 & 16 Division

Main Bg

Control Commission for Germany (CC)

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4 Feb. 46.

To: Bg 30 Corps District (PWS/15 Sec)

SUBJECT: Soviet Repatriation Boards

Reference 237/15 dated 30 Jan 46.

1. Persons claimed for repatriation to U.S.S.R. as Soviet citizens by Soviet L.Gs and who claim not to be Soviet citizens should be brought before boards as instructed in PWS/16032/1/15G 3(a) dated 30 Aug. 45.

2. Instructions regarding *prima facie* Soviet nationality were issued as follows:

- (a) Guide to Soviet Nationality - Ref PWS/16032/1/Exec.1 dated 13 Nov. 45.
- (b) Additional rules for the guidance of those concerned in repatriation of Soviet citizens - Ref PWS/16032/1/Exec.1 dated 26 Sep. 45.
- (c) Soviet L.G's claims that a woman should be repatriated and the board finds that there is no reasonable evidence that she has been through a form of marriage with a person who is not liable to be sent to U.S.S.R. - Ref PWS/53044/101 dated 27 Dec. 45.
- (d) A ruling that all claims by Soviet-born women to have acquired another citizenship by marriage should be referred to Political Division for onward transmission to Foreign Office - Ref PWS/53092/101 dated 31 Jan 46.

3. No more specific guide than the above can at present be given, but should that be possible you will be informed.

20/1/46

J. S. [Signature], Major  
for Brigadier, Chief, 15 & 16 Division.

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11 2 Corps District (H.I. Gov. Adm.)



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Hq PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (CC)  
BUNDE  
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4. <sup>F.L.B</sup>  
~~Jan~~ 46.

To: Hq 30 Corps District (PW/DP Sec.)

SUBJECT: Soviet Repatriation Boards

Reference your 237/DP of 29 Nov. 45 and 237/DP of 31 Jan 46.

1. Legal Division were asked on 10 Dec 45 to give rulings on the following:-

- (a) The policy of boards towards "lager" marriages (i.e. cases where marriages have not yet been legally solemnised).
- (b) Cases where parties of different nationalities are anxious to marry.
- (c) Whether Russian L.Gs have the right to be present during the hearing of cases brought before the Board.

2. Legal Division have been asked to expedite a reply. You will be informed as soon as a reply is received.

*Enc*

JNC/IM

J.N. CLITHEROE, Major  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



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Tel. 2750

Ref: PWDP/58092/Pol.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (F.G.),  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.

31 January, 1946.

To: HQ 1 Corps District (Mil Gov)  
HQ 8 Corps District (Mil Gov Adm).  
HQ 30 Corps District (DP/PWX Section).

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Soviet Citizens.

Further to our PWDP/58044/Pol of 27 December, 1945.

1. A ruling has now been given that all claims by Soviet-born women to have acquired another citizenship by marriage should be referred to the Foreign Office for decision.
2. (a) All such claims will therefore be forwarded to Political Division for onward transmission.  
(b) Each individual claim will be accompanied by the following documents:
  - (i) A copy of the marriage certificate.
  - (ii) A statement giving full particulars of the husband's national status.

*[Handwritten signature]*

for Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to: Legal Div. Main HQ  
Legal Div. Adv. HQ  
Political Div. Main HQ (ref. your Pol.199/2/46 of 25 Jan.46).  
Political Div. Adv. HQ.  
Secretariat.  
Exec 1. PW & DP Main HQ. ✓

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SUBJECT.- SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

HQ 30 Corps District.  
237/DP.  
31 Jan 46.

PW & DP Div.  
Main HQ.  
Control Commission for Germany(BE)  
BUNDE, BAOR.

Ref this HQ letter 237/DP of 29 Nov 45.

2. May a reply please be given.



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Commanding 30 Corps.

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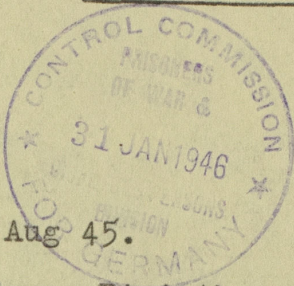
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SUBJECT:- SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

HQ 30 Corps District.  
237/DP.  
30 Jan 46.

PW & DP Div.  
Main HQ.  
Control Commission for Germany(BE).  
BUNDE, BAOR.

20A.



Ref BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a) of 30 Aug 45.

2. In certain fm areas of this Corps Dist there are still large numbers of DPs who appear eligible to appear before a Repatriation Board.
3. The maximum number of cases with which such a Board can deal daily is estimated to be 30.
4. According to para 2 of the above quoted letter the type of case with which Boards must deal covers a wide enough range to make the total numbers involved quite substantial, especially in view of the fact that large numbers of DP/PWX claim either to be citizens of another country or in particular of undetermined nationality simply in order to avoid repatriation to the SOVIET UNION. Indeed, these people are unwilling to assist anyone who attempts to determine their nationality and are without doubt quite prepared to misrepresent or if necessary destroy any evidence which may lead to their identification.
5. For this reason there appears to be no means of establishing nationality except by hearing before the Repatriation Board, and almost all such DPs will have to be treated in this way unless some alternative can be laid down.
6. At present owing to the rundown of Units and demob of offrs, fmns are finding it extremely difficult to find personnel for existing Boards, much less for increasing their number, and it is feared that the liquidation of potential SOVIET Repatriables is going to be an increasingly slow process.
7. May the position please be considered with a view to ascertaining whether there are any more specific means of proving prima facie SOVIET nationality in order to decrease the number of cases waiting to come before a Board.
8. Estimated numbers of RUSSIANS outside camps and of undetermined nationality are shown at Appx A.

*Jm*

*R Baillie*

RB/WJE

Lt-General  
Commanding 30 Corps

APO/R/UR/SDS/M

Copy to.- 43 Div. (telecon Lt Col ALEXANDER-Maj BAILLIE  
A(PWX)  
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Undetermined Nationality.

3 CDN Div	600	12
5 Div	41 4	505
43 Div	1546	7355
51 Div	669	803
1 POL Armd Div	71	222
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DTO 251700A  
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BGCC 4502 (FWDF/59808/5).

FOR CCLB.

REFERENCE ARGUS 330. *87A*

READ CCLB/BM/G/263 DATED 24TH REPEAT 24TH JANUARY INSTEAD 23RD  
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REFERENCE SUGRA 343 DATED 18 JAN 46. INFO CONCOMB.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT REPLY SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS.

THERE ARE 2700 RUSSIAN CITIZENS REMAINING IN OUR ZONE  
BECAUSE THEY ARE SICK.

THERE IS NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT FORCE WILL BE REQUIRED  
TO MOVE ANY OF THEM.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

DTO 211640A

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DTO 241800A  
TOR 242000A

ARGUS 330. FOR CCLB.

SUBJECT IS USE OF FORCE IN REPATRIATING SOVIET NATIONALS.

REFERENCE IS SUGRA 343 AND <sup>79A</sup>XCCLB/BM/G/263 DATED <sup>86A</sup>24 JAN 46. *24 Jan 46 see Jolic 90A*

1. THERE ARE 2700 SOVIET NATIONALS REGISTERED IN DP ASSEMBLY CENTRES.
2. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR REPATRIATION ALL THOSE FIT TO TRAVEL.
3. REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT FORCE WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE A PROPORTION OF THEM.
4. HAVE NO ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS LIVING OUTSIDE DP CAMPS.

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To: - Exec <sup>86A</sup>

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE  
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)  
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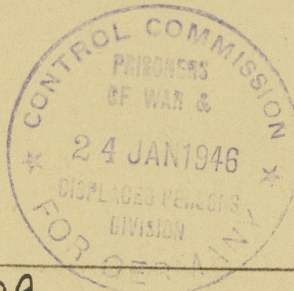
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FROM: TROOPERS

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB.



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DTO 240350Z  
TOR 240837A

CCLB/BM/G/263. 24 JAN. <sup>79A</sup>

FURTHER TO SUGRA 343 WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. WHAT WOULD BE THE NUMBER OF SOVIET NATIONALS LIABLE TO FORCIBLE REPATRIATION IF THIS WERE ONLY APPLIED TO THOSE WHO,

- (A) WERE CAPTURED IN GERMAN UNIFORMS
- (B) DESERTED FROM THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES, OR
- (C) GAVE VOLUNTARY HELP TO THE ENEMY.

3. HOW MANY SOVIET NATIONALS UNWILLING TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY WOULD THUS ESCAPE FORCIBLE REPATRIATION.

4. ROUGH ESTIMATES WILL DO. INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR MEETING OF MINISTERS ON FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25TH.

DTO 240350Z

DISTRIBUTION.

PA. TO DCOS (EXEC)  
ACOS (EXEC) A  
ACOS (EXEC) B  
INT GP HQ  
SECRETARIAT (2)  
FW & DP DIV (4) ✓  
MANPOWER DIV (2)  
M & M.C.



BW/OP

Sp. Todd rph sent 25 JR

received here 1045 25 JR



*To Exec / 85A*  
Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

**Incoming Unclassified Message**

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FROM: TROOPERS.

TO: BERCOMB

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DTO 231915Z  
TOR 232230A

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EXPEDITE REPLY TO SUGRA 343.

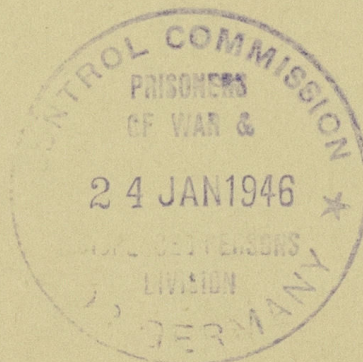
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SECRETARIAT (2)  
PW & DP DIV (2)  
M & M.C.



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already sent*



Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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Incoming Secret Cipher Message

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IMMEDIATE.

FROM: 1 CORPS DIST.

IY 37108  
DTO 231900A  
TOR 240815A.

TO: CONCOMB.

96A Refers

MG 935.

FOR PWDP DIVISION. ~~SECRET~~

YOUR CCG 75885 (PWDPX1) OF 221655A.

1. NO ESTIMATE OF NUMBER SOVIET NATIONALS OUTSIDE CAMPS BUT STILL COLLECTING 20 TO 30 PER WEEK.
2. SUSPECTED 500 TO 1000 LIVING IN DP CAMPS REGISTERED AS CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONALITY NOW BEING SCREENED BY BOARDS OF BRIT OFFRS. THESE CANNOT BE MOVED WITHOUT FORCE BUT SUCH ACTION WOULD CREATE UNREST AND DISTURBANCE AMONG OTHER INMATES.

DTO 231900A

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FROM: 8 CORPS DIST

TO: CONCOMB

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DTO 231250A  
TOR 240100A

MG 439.

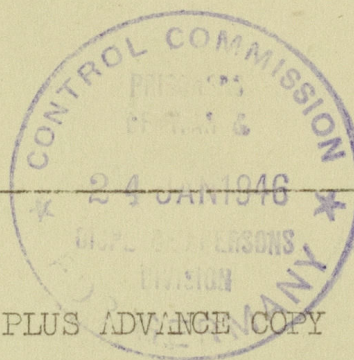
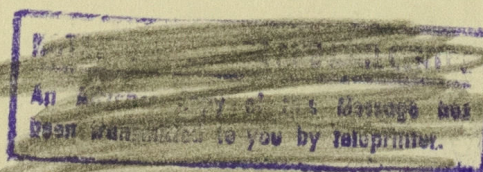
YOUR CCG/75885(FWDPX1) 22ND JAN.

SOVIET NATIONALS OUTSIDE CAMPS UNWILLING TO BE REPATRIATED  
2173.

DTO 231250A

DISTRIBUTION

FW & DP Div. (2) (For Action) PLUS ADVANCE COPY  
Secretariat (2)  
M & M.C.



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sent to AGC/DML

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16032/B

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SUBJECT: SOVIET Citizens in POLISH DP Camps

SECRET

Gas Div  
49 (WR) Inf Div  
52 (L) Inf Div  
53 (W) Inf Div  
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606/3/MG

22 Jan 46



1. Att at Appx 'A' is list of persons whom the POLISH Liaison Mission state are SOVIET citizens, and who are residing in the listed POLISH DP Camps. The POLISH Liaison Mission does NOT consider this list by any means complete.
2. Divs will cause to be set up Boards of BRITISH Officers to screen these persons and to determine their nationalities. They will be assisted by one accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer and one accredited POLISH Liaison Officer.
3. This HQ has been notified by the SOVIET Liaison Mission that the SOVIET Div LOs have similar lists made up by themselves, but which are more complete. Any persons on the SOVIET LO's list which are NOT on the attached list will be similarly screened.
4. These persons found to be SOVIET citizens will be transferred under Div arrangements to SEYDLITZ Bks, ISERLOHN, from where they will be transferred to the 30 Corps District Camp in accordance with this HQ letter 606/3/MG dated 13 Jan 46. It is essential that the boards should sit at the earliest possible moment so that all SOVIET citizens can be concentrated at SEYDLITZ as soon as possible after 26 Jan and at any rate NOT later than 3 Feb 46. The degree of force which can be used to transfer SOVIET citizens to SEYDLITZ Bks is laid down in this HQ letter 606/3/MG dated 20 Nov 45, addressed to RUSSIAN Military Mission, copies to Divs.
5. A record will be kept of all SOVIET citizens whom it has not been possible to transfer to SEYDLITZ Bks and the numbers in this category will be reported to this HQ by 6 Feb 46.

Ext 308  
Mil Gov (DP)  
ISERLOHN

HDI/EWE

REGD/WR/DRLS/HAND

*See*  
*gms*  
*Mr. [unclear]*  
Chief of Staff,  
1 Corps District.

Copies to:- HQ 1 Corps District

Chief of Staff	} For info only. (Without Appx 'A')
G (Ops)	
Q (2)	
SOVIET Military Mission	
POLISH Liaison Mission	
HQ PWDP Div, CCG (BE) BUNDE	
UNRRA Dist HQ	

File 606/8/MG



ARMY FORM C2136 (Small Carbonised)

## MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

CONCOMB

22/700 A

For Action

HERCOMB

MESSAGE &amp; MAIL CENTRE CONCOMB

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

INFO: SECRETARIAT COG(BE) by SDS

Originator's No.

COG/75884(PWDPX1) 22 Jan (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref SUGRA 343 162210Z (.)

Interim reply (.) 2700 Soviet Nationals registered in D.P. camps (.)

CENTRE  
Corps Districts have been asked for estimated numbers living outside  
camps (.) will forward this information earliest16032/3/  
REF: PWD/16027/Exec.1.THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT }

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE  
MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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*To. Exec 1*  
Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

**Incoming Secret Cipher Message**  
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*79A*

FROM: TROOPERS

LY 35582

TO: BERCOMB

DTG 162210 Z

TOR 180705 A

INFO: CONCOMB

SUGRA 343

CCLB/BM/G/263.

SUBJECT IS USE OF FORCE IN REPATRIATING SOVIET NATIONALS.

POLICY IS BEING RECONSIDERED. PLEASE FURNISH FOR INFORMATION OF  
MINISTERS ESTIMATE OF NUMBER LIABLE TO FORCIBLE REPATRIATION.

SIMILAR ENQUIRY IS BEING ADDRESSED TO AUSTRIA

DTG 162210Z

DISTRIBUTION

AS/CK/JC

ARGUS/SUGRA MAIN H.Q. RESTRICTED.

*Action taken by State*

*NFA. db 23 Jan*

NOTE BY M & M. C.

ACTION BEING TAKEN BY PW & DP DIV. ADV. HQ.

*Copy of this TPM put in PWDP/16038/3/EXEC1.*



Tel: 2760

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.

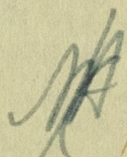
22 Jan 46

To: Allied Liaison.

SUBJECT: Directives re Repatriation of  
Soviet Citizens.

Reference your BAOR/17493/AL of 16 Jan 46.

1. Copies of any directives issued by this Division concerning the work of Soviet L.Os will of course be sent to the Soviet Military Mission through Allied Liaison. This has always been the policy of this Division, and should any instance be known when it has not been carried out details would be appreciated and the matter looked into.

  
R.B. LONGE, Lt.Col.  
for Brigadier, Chief, PW & DP Division

RBL/OWT



16032/B  
SUBJECT: Directives re Repatriation of  
Soviet Citizens.

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BAOR/17493/AL.

PW & DP Division, ✓  
C.C.G., (BE).

16 Jan 46.

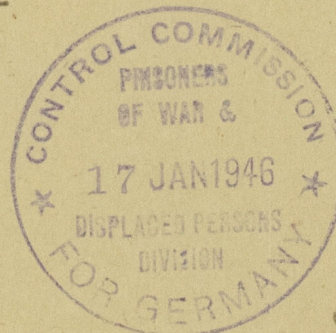
Conversation Deputy Head Soviet Mil Mission - Maj Loudon  
of 15 Jan 46.

1. Deputy Head stated that on occasions directives had been issued by your Div, or by PW & DP Secs in Corps Districts, regulating the work of repatriating Soviet Nationals, Camps, disputed nationalities, etc., copies of which were not sent to HQ, Soviet Military Mission at HQ, B.A.O.R.
2. Soviet Military Mission was, therefore, unable to control the proper carrying out of such directives.
3. Deputy Head requested that copies of all directives which concern the work of the Mission be sent to Soviet Military Mission at HQ, B.A.O.R., at the time they are issued to Soviet IOs in Corps Districts.
4. This branch considers the request reasonable and ask that PW & DP Div issues instructions accordingly.

Ext: 2445,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN, B.A.O.R.

/NA.

*Loudon Maj*  
for Colonel,  
CLO,  
Allied Liaison



*Seen B. Jan*  
*[Signature]*



Tel. Extn: 2767

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ,

Ref: PWDP/58044/Pol.

Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.

27 Dec. 45.

To: HQ 1 Corps District (Mil Gov)  
HQ 8 Corps District (Mil Gov Adm)  
HQ 30 Corps District (DP/PWX Section)

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Soviet Citizens.

Reference HQ B.A.O.R. 16032/B/MG8(a) dated 30 Aug. 1945 para 6 (a).

1. Where Soviet Liaison Officers claim that a woman should be repatriated and the board finds that there is reasonable evidence that she has been through a form of marriage with a person who is not liable to be sent to U.S.S.R. under para 6 (c) of the letter under reference, she should not be repatriated for the time being.

2. In such cases the board should endeavour to ascertain the following information, stating against each item whether they are reasonably satisfied that the information is correct, or whether it is a statement unsupported by any evidence.

- (1) Woman's maiden name.
- (2) Husband's name.
- (3) Woman's normal place of residence on 1 Sept. 39.  
(including country).
- (4) Husband's normal place of residence on 1 Sept. 39.  
(including country).
- (5) (a) Marriage date and place.  
(b) (i) Whether civil and/or religious.  
(ii) If religious what denomination.  
(c) (i) By whom performed, if known (civil)  
(ii) " " " " (religious).  
(d) Any other details and supporting documents.
- (6) Number and ages of children (if any).
- (7) Present location of woman, husband and children (if any).
- (8) Any other relevant information.

3. The case will then be retained by you pending a further policy instruction from these HQ.

Copy to: Legal Div Main HQ  
Legal Div Adv HQ  
Political Div Main HQ  
Political Div Adv HQ  
Secretariat.

Brigadier,  
Chief PW & DP Division.



Tele Extn : 720

SUBJECT : SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

PW & DP Div,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for GERMANY (BE)  
BUNDE.  
B.A.O.R.

HQ 30 Corps District.

237/DP.

17 Dec 45.

Ref your CCG 8515 (PWDP 1717) of 31 (Oct) 1115A and further  
our 237/DP dated 9 Nov.

1. Fmns as detailed below were instructed to est repatriation  
boards by G(Ops) this HQ on 1 SEP 45.

- (a) 51 (H) Div (To incl cases from 8 Armd Bde)
- (b) 43 (W) Div
- (c) 5 Div
- (d) 3 Cdn Div (To incl cases from Polish Armd Div and  
latterly from 75 AA Bde)

2. Appx 'A' attached shows :-

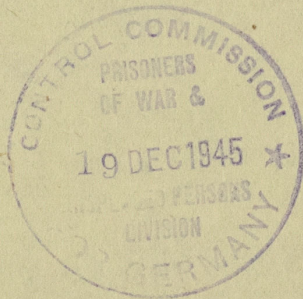
- (a) No. of boards working.
- (b) No. of cases dealt with.
- (c) No. of cases where boards have ruled SOVIET nationality.
- (d) Approx No. of cases still to be dealt with.

in respect of 3 Cdn Div, 5 Div, 51 Div, but does NOT incl 43 Div.

3. In the case of 43 Div, it is reported that two boards were  
established, but were later disbanded as no candidates were brought before  
them. No cases have therefore been dealt with. This matter has been taken  
up and the fmns instructed through staff channels to re-establish boards.

4. The efficiency with which fmns have tackled these boards appears  
to have varied considerably and all fmns have been instructed through staff  
channels to complete all cases as early as possible. Further, the variations  
of rulings are very noticeable particularly between 5 Div and 3 Cdn Div.  
Difficulties encountered by boards have already been notified to your HQ  
in our 237/DP of 29 Nov 45.

PRAF/FNA  
APO/RJ/R/SDS/H



Lt-General.  
Commanding 30 Corps.



Appx 'A' to HQ 30 Corps Dist  
237/DP dated 17 Dec 45.

	<u>3 Cdn Div</u>	<u>5 Div</u>	<u>51 Div</u>
1. Number of boards working	1	5	3
2. Number of cases dealt with	149	5857	80
3. Number of cases where boards has ruled Soviet nationality	119	172	23
4. Number of cases still to be dealt with	approx <del>2000</del> 1500	approx 667	approx 450



Ref: 2760

Ref: RMR/16032/2/Exec.1

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HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main Bldg.,  
Control Commission for Germany (CC)  
BUNDE,  
B.A.C.R.

14 Dec 45

To: Legal Adviser & Drafting Branch,  
Legal Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (CC),  
LUDWIGSBURG,  
B.A.C.R.

SUBJECT: Determination of Nationality.

1. The attached reports of investigations into the nationality of two families have been forwarded to this Division by 1 Corps District in accordance with RMR/16032/2/MOS(a) of 30 Aug. para 3.
2. It is requested that confirmation or otherwise may be given of the Board's decisions in these cases.

*Handwritten signature*

J.M.I. JEFFERY, Flt/Off  
for Brigadier, Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to: 1 Corps District Mil Sec  
(your 606/3/12 dated 11 Dec 45 refers)

JMJ/OWT



SUBJECT: Disputed Nationalities

606/3/MG

HQ PW&DP Division

11 Dec 45

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (BE)

BUNDE.

1. Full reports of the boards assembled to investigate nationality of two families is fwd in accordance with BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a) of 30 Aug, para 3

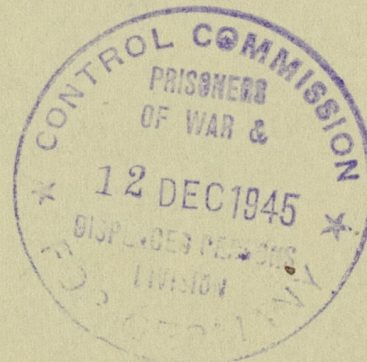
2. May an early decision be given, please.

Ext 308  
Mil Gov (DP)  
ISERLOHN

HDI/FJS

~~REC'D/UR/DRIS/HAND~~

*[Signature]*  
for Lieut General  
Comd 1 Corps District





Ext: 2760

HQ PW & DP Division

Main HQ

Ref: PRDP/16072/  
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Control Commission for  
Germany (CC)

BUNDE

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10 Dec 45.

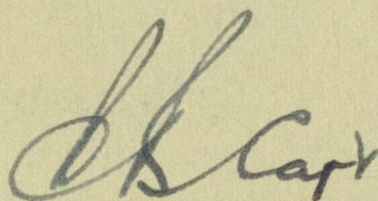
HQ L of C, (CA)

B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Publications

Ref your 132/2/CA dated 30 Nov 45.

3 copies of the pamphlet "Guide to  
Soviet Repatriation Problems" are  
forwarded herewith.



R.G. BEACH, Capt.,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RGB/JPP



Ext: 2760

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (CC)

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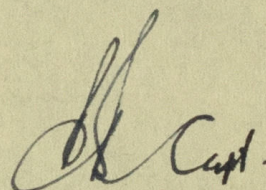
10 Dec 45.

HQ 1 Corps District (Mil Gov (Adm)).

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Remaining Soviet Citizens

Reference your 603/3/MB. dated 23 Oct 45.

1. The duplicate copies of DP2s and certified true copies of marriage certificates of RUSSIAN born women married to other nationals are returned herewith.
2. They have been returned from Legal Division pointing out that action should be taken as shown in para 2 of BAOR/16032/B/MB8(a) dated 30 Aug 45.
3. It is regretted that the cards and certificates have not been retained in their original packages during their transmission between Legal and PWDP Division.



R.G. BEACH, Capt.,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RGB/JFP



Ext: 2760

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (CC)

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10 Dec 45.

Legal Adviser and Drafting Branch,  
Legal Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (CC)  
LUBBECKE,  
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of SOVIET Citizens

Reference telephone conversation Mr. HERCHENHODER-  
Capt. BEACH and further to PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1 dated 28 Nov 45.

1. Particulars concerning twenty two cases which came before a SOVIET Repatriation Board assembled in 30 Corps District upon which no decision could be reached are forwarded herewith.
2. Observations have been made in pencil by Corps HQ concerning certain cases but it is requested that a final ruling be given.
3. My rulings be given on the following:-
  - (a) The policy of boards towards "lager" marriages (i.e. cases where marriages have not yet been legally solemnised)
  - (b) Cases where parties of different nationalities are anxious to marry
  - (c) Whether Russian LOs have the right to be present during the hearing of cases brought before the Board.

*R.G. Beach*

R.G. BEACH, Capt.,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

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RGB/JEP





Tele Extn : 743

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SUBJECT : Documents fwd in error.

HQ 30 Corps District.  
237/DP.  
4 Dec 45.

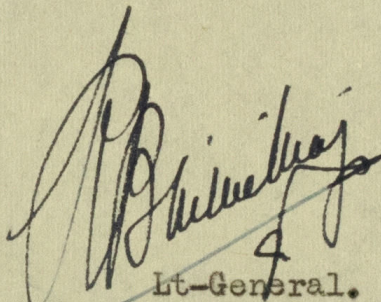
PW & DP Div,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for GERMANY (BE)  
BUNDE.  
B.A.O.R.

Ref Legal Division Legal/LAD/52427/4/2 of 30 Nov  
45 to this Corps, copy to you.

1. The documents fwd do not appear to relate to this Corps.
2. DUISDORF/BONN is in 1 Corps Dist.



RB/PNA  
APO/R/UR/SDS/H

  
Lt-General.  
Commanding 30 Corps.

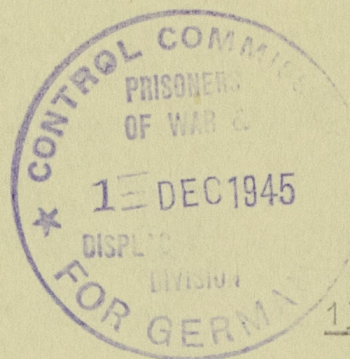
Copy to : Legal Division, Main HQ  
Control Commission for GERMANY (BE)  
6 Osnabrucker Strasse,  
LUBBECKE B.A.O.R.



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PHONE: Extn 1497



132/2/CA

SUBJECT: Publications - October.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BUNDE,  
B. A. O. R.

20 Nov 45

Reference GRO 1860/45.

Since L of C formations are also concerned with the problem of repatriating Soviet Citizens, it is requested that 8 copies of the pamphlet, "Guide to Soviet Repatriation Problems", may be issued to this HQ for distribution to lower formations.

HQ L of C (CA)  
B. A. O. R.  
JHT/ECF

Lt Col  
ADCA L of C



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Ext: 1. 1 DEC 1945



Legal Division, Main H.Q.,  
Control Commission for Germany,  
(British Element),  
6 Cambricker Strasse,  
LÜBBECK,  
B.A.O.R.

30 November, 1945.

Legal/LAD/52.27/4/2.

To:- H.Q., 30 Corps District,  
(DP/PWX Section),  
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Soviet Citizens.

20A

1. Two packages of documents relating to the repatriation of Soviet citizens have been received from H.Q. PW & DP Division.
2. Your attention is invited to BAOR/16032/B/MG8 (a) of 30 August, 1945, which lays down the procedure to be followed in connection with repatriation of Displaced Persons claimed by the Soviet Authorities.
3. Under paragraph 2 of this Order, Boards are to be set up consisting of three British Officers (to include one Field Officer) with an interpreter and clerk to deal with such cases. Only in cases where the Board is unable to reach a decision is reference to be made to the Legal Division through the PW & DP Division.
4. It is suggested, therefore, that you should deal with these cases in accordance with the instructions laid down in BAOR/16032/B/MG8 (a), and that only those cases where you are unable to reach a decision should be referred under paragraph 3 of the Order.
5. The two packages of documents are returned herewith.

*A. Nicholson*

for Chief,  
Legal Division.

WFFB/ML.

Copy to:- Legal Division, Adv.H.Q., Berlin. *YMS*  
 " " Rear H.Q., London.  
 HQ. PW & DP Division, Main H.Q., BREITENBURG. (Your FWDP/16032/B/  
 Exoc.1. refers.)  
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SUB T:- Soviet Repatriation Boards.

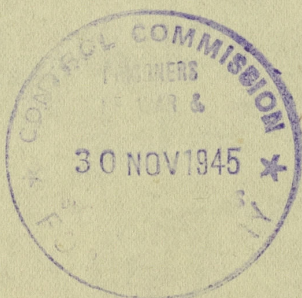
HQ 30 Corps District.  
237/DP.  
29 Nov 45.

PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ.,  
Control Commission for GERMANY(BE),  
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

Ref your BAOR/16032/B/MG 8(a) of 30 Aug 45.

1. Att are cases which came before a Soviet Repatriation Board assembled in 5 Div area upon which no decision could be reached.
2. Observations in pencil have been made by this HQ on certain cases but it is requested that a final ruling may be given in each and this HQ advised accordingly.
3. It will be observed in many cases that the Board has been unable to reach a decision owing to lack of knowledge concerning the laws applicable to international marriages.
4. May a ruling be given concerning "lager" marriages (i.e. cases where marriages have not yet been legally solemnized) and cases where parties of different nationalities are anxious to marry.
5. It is requested that a ruling also be given whether Russian Liaison Offrs have the right to be present during the hearing of cases brought before the Board. Without ~~his~~ presence the task of the Board naturally enough is made very much easier.

RB/FH  
APO/R/UR/SDS/H



*R. B. Bailey*  
Lt. Gen.  
Comd 30 Corps.

*ms*



Ext: 2750

Ref: PWDP/16032/ ✓  
B/Exec.1.

HQ PWDP Division 64A  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
FINDE,  
B.A.O.R.

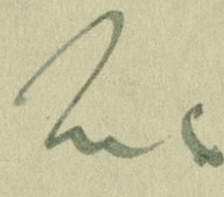
30 Nov 45.

HQ 1 Corps District (Mil Gov)

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Remaining  
SOVIET Citizens

Ref your 603/3/MG of 23 Oct 45.

1. The duplicate copies of DP2s and true copies of marriage certificates of Russian born women married to other nationals have been forwarded to Legal Advice and Drafting Branch of the Legal Division, C.C.G.(B.E.).
2. Legal Division have been requested to inform this Division of their decisions with a copy direct to you.

  
J.N. CLITHEROE, Major,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division

JNC/JFP



Extn: 2760.

63A  
HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (ICG)  
BUREAU  
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/16028/2/Exec 1. ✓

30 Nov 45.

30 Corps District (PWDP Sec.)

SUBJECT: Interzonal travel - ICPs.

Ref your 252/ICP dated 27 Nov 45.

1. USFET state they cannot authorize interzonal travel.
2. It is regretted, but, pending a definite decision on policy towards ICPs interzonal travel, all applications for interzonal travel must be held over.

*Ch* Cap V.

R.G. BRADY, Capt.  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RGP/SL.



Ext: 2760

R/S PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1

HQ PWDP Division

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (BE)

Bünde

B.A.O.R.

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28 Nov 45.

Legal Advice and Drafting Branch,  
Legal Division,  
LUNBECK,  
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of SOVIET Citizens

Ref telephone conversation Mr. HERCUMODER-CAPT BEACH  
of 27 Nov.

1. Herewith duplicate copies of DP2s and certified true copies of marriage certificates of RUSSIAN born women married to other nationals and now claiming exemption from compulsory repatriation.
2. Please retain the documents in their individual packages to facilitate their return to their owners.
3. It is requested that you will inform this Division of your decisions on these applications and return these documents together with a copy of your decisions direct to 30 Corps District, who originally dealt with the correspondence.

*me*

J.H. CLITHEROE, Major,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RGB/JEP



16032 B  
61A  
Tel. Ext. 2767.

Ref: PWDP/58044/Pol.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.

26 Nov. 45.

To: HQ 1 Corps District  
Mil Gov.

SUBJECT: Classification of Soviet Citizens.

Reference your 606/3/MG dated 25 Oct. 1945.

The persons to whom you refer are Soviet citizens and  
must be repatriated to the U.S.S.R. They may not be returned  
to POLAND.

*A. G. Kenchington*  
A. G. KENCHINGTON,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

DRS/CG

*Copy to Bue! ✓*



PW+DP

16032/B

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS  
U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

AG 383.7 GEC-AGO

(Main) APO 757  
17 November 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Soviet Citizens Subject to Repatriation Under the Yalta Agreement from Employment by Germans in the U.S. Zone.

TO : Commanding Generals:  
Eastern Military District  
Western Military District  
Berlin District

1. The Chief Soviet Repatriation Representative at this headquarters states that Soviet Repatriation Representatives have uncovered 18,919 persons in the Eastern Military District and 2,707 persons in the Western Military District all of whom, it is alleged, are Soviet citizens subject to repatriation under the Yalta Agreement. He further states that these persons are employed by Germans in factories and on farms. He has formally requested this headquarters to prohibit the employment of Soviet citizens by German employers.

2. You are directed to instruct the Oberbürgermeister or Landrat of each Kreis to take appropriate action to prohibit the employment by German employers, public or private, of any Soviet citizens subject to repatriation under the Yalta Agreement. These officials will be advised that only those persons who were physically present in and citizens of the Soviet Union on 1 September 1939, and who were displaced from or left the USSR on or after 22 June 1941, are to be considered Soviet citizens subject to repatriation under the Yalta Agreement.

3. You will collect such Soviet citizens and transfer them to camps operated under Soviet administration. You will, likewise, transfer from camps administered by UNRRA teams all Soviet citizens subject to the Yalta Agreement to camps operated under Soviet administration. The use of troops to enforce such collection and transfer is not authorized, but no Soviet citizen subject to repatriation under the Yalta Agreement will be provided for after 1 December 1945, in any displaced persons camp except camps under Soviet administration.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PATTON:



DISTRIBUTION: "Y-1"

*R. B. Lovett*  
R. B. LOVETT  
Brigadier General, USA  
Adjutant General

R E S T R I C T E D



16032/B  
SUBJECT : SOVIET Repatriation Boards.

606/3/MG. 59A

PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BUNDE, BAOR.

10 Nov 45.

Ref your CCG 8512(PWDP1717) of 311115A.

1. Gds Div.- Screening completed - 600 POLES "disappeared" when summoned, but 375 DPs out of 16000 POLES were repatriated to SOVIET territory. This figure consists practically entirely of people unquestionably POLISH, but who showed themselves willing to go home notwithstanding the implied acceptance of SOVIET citizenship. The exact figures are not available.

2. 49 (WR) Div.

Two Bdes - No cases.

Three Bdes - Eight cases - 2 sent to RUSSIA

5 not sent

1 Marriage case sent up for adjudication.

One Bde - 439 cases - 411 not SOVIET

28 sent up for adjudication - with  
recommendations 24 against, 4 for, SOVIET  
repatriation.

3. 53 (W) Div.

16 cases examined - 5 SOVIET

8 POLISH

3 Others

Case of one family sent up for adjudication.

4. 52 (L) Div. - No boards have sat since SOVIETS were cleared from SENNELAGER I camp, when all cases were determined without any being referred to higher authority.

Ext 308  
Mil Gov (DP)  
ISERLOHN

HDI/CMS

*Admiral*  
for Lieut General,  
Comd 1 Corps District.



SUBJECT: Repatriation of Remaining  
Soviet Citizens

603/3/MG

23 Oct 45

HQ  
PW DP Division  
BUNDE  
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1. Herewith duplicate copies of DP2s and certified true copies of marriage certificates of Russian born women married to other nationals and now claiming exemption from compulsory repatriation.
2. May we please have a ruling in these cases. The documents are in Bde packages to facilitate the return to their owners.

Ext 154  
Mil Gov (DP)  
ISERLOHN  
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HGW/FJS

*Aug. J. White Giff* Brigadier  
DD Mil Gov 1 Corps District





Ext: 2760

Ref: PMH/16032/1/Spec.1.

15 PMDP Division

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (CC)

BIEM

B.A.O.B.

52A

13 Nov 45

HQ 1 Corps District (Mil Gov)  
HQ 8 Corps District (Mil Gov Adm)  
HQ 30 Corps District (PMH/DP)

SUBJECT: Guide to Soviet Repatriation Problems

1. Herewith sufficient copies of the above mentioned guide to allow for following distribution:-

700 copies	-	1 Corps
300 "	-	8 "
300 "	-	30 "

2. It is desired to issue the guide to all staffs, Geta and officers concerned as well as to UNRRA and the British Red Cross.

*h.c.*

Brigadier,  
Chief, PM & DP Division.

310/312



2,300 Reserved

## GUIDE TO SOVIET REPATRIATION PROBLEMS.

### 1. Who is repatriable as a SOVIET citizen?

A person concerning whom there is a prima facie case of SOVIET nationality and who normally resided within the boundaries of the U.S.S.R. on 1 September 1939. (see any pre-war map of EUROPE.)

### 2. Must a SOVIET citizen be repatriated?

Yes, if recognised as such in accordance with para 1 above and claimed for repatriation by an accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer. We are under an international obligation to repatriate all SOVIET citizens regardless of their personal wishes.

### 3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

- (a) All United Nations' nationals (including all POLES), other than SOVIET citizens
- (b) LATVIANS
- (c) LITHUANIANS
- (d) ESTONIANS
- (e) ROUMANIANS from BESSARABIA and BUKOVINA
- (f) HUNGARIANS (incl. RUTHENIANS)
- (g) CZECHOSLOVAK citizens (incl. inhabitants of SUB-CARPATHIAN RUTHENIA)
- (h) RUSSIAN emigrés who were ordinarily resident outside the SOVIET Union before 22 June 1941
- (i) Persons of undetermined nationality even if of RUSSIAN extraction.

**N.B.** Persons of nationalities in (a) to (g) above inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so.

### 4. What is the position of RUSSIAN women who have married men of other nationality and claim such nationality?

Each case must be referred individually through the normal channels to this HQ.

### 5. What camps may SOVIET Liaison Officers visit?

- (a) All camps containing only SOVIET citizens.
- (b) Any other camp provided the SOVIET Liaison Officer is accompanied by a British officer.

### 6. What to do in case of doubt.

Refer to nearest Mil. Gov. Relief Detachment.

Boards are being set up in each Corps District to settle disputed cases.



16032/B  
Subject: Repatriation of Soviet  
Citizens.

56A  
BAOR/17493/AL

Soviet Military Mission  
HQ British Army of the Rhine,  
BAOR.



10 Nov 45

54A refers

1. The following complaint has been received from PWDP Division of Control Commission for Germany (BE):

- (a) 520 (K) Mil Gov Det at MELDORF had arranged to evacuate 23 Soviet citizens to LUBECK on 12 Oct. On arrival at the rendezvous with transport, it was found that these Soviet citizens had been taken away by a Soviet LO, without any notice having been given to the Mil Gov Det. This Soviet LO, whose name has not been supplied, appears to have had with him an UNHRA vehicle No 108.
- (b) In addition, this Soviet LO is reported to have given orders to the Burgomaster NAGEL at HELSE near MARNE (in 8 Corps District), to collect all Russians and have them ready at MARNE Market at 0900 hours on 12 Oct.
- (c) Similar orders appear to have been given by the Soviet LO on 9 Oct at BRUNSBUTTELKOOG.

2. PWDP Division of Control Commission for Germany (BE) request that instructions be issued to the Senior Soviet LO at HQ 8 Corps that such independent practices by Soviet LOs should cease. In all instances, the repatriation of Soviet citizens should be carried out in full co-operation with and under the guidance and direction of the appropriate Military Government Detachment. Independent action by LOs, such as those stated above, can only lead to complications and will seriously interfere with the official plan of repatriation.

Ext 2161  
HQ British Army of the Rhine  
BAOR.  
ECHL/NS

Gordon Capt  
for Colonel.  
CLO.  
Allied Liaison.

me

Copy to: HQ PWDP Div. Main HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BUNDE. BAOR.



Ext: 720

SSA

SUBJECT:- Repatriation Boards.

HQ 30 Corps District.

237/DP.

9 Nov 45.

PW & DP Div.,

Main HQ.,

Control Commission for GERMANY(BE),

BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

150A

Ref your CCG 8512(PWDP 1717) of 311115A.

1. Repatriation Boards have been set up in each fm area.
2. G(Ops) this HQ have requested the following infm from each fm by 30 Nov:-
  - (a) No.of Boards functioning in their area.
  - (b) No.of cases dealt with.
  - (c) No.of cases where the Board has ruled Soviet nationality.
  - (d) No.of cases still to be dealt with.
3. As soon as this infm is received it will be fwd to you.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. A. H. L.", written over the typed name and rank.

Lt. Gen.

Comd 30 Corps.

PRAF/FH

APO/B/UR/SDS/H



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Ext. 2754

Ref: PWDP/58044/POL.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ.

Control Commission for Germany (CC),  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.

8th November, 1945.

TO:- Allied Liaison.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Soviet Citizens.

Copies of a letter from 8 Corps District and an allegation from Comd 520 (K) Mil Gov Det. are forwarded herewith.

Regarding para 4 of the letter - will you please ask for an investigation to be made by the Russian Liaison Staff. If on further enquiries the allegation is found to be true, kindly request that unofficial and piratical measures of this nature are prevented from recurring.

The orders concerning the repatriation of Soviet Citizens are quite clear to everyone, and it will no doubt be appreciated that to carry them out in an orderly and humane manner will become impossible unless they are adhered to by Soviet Officers.

(Sgd) A G Kingdon

A. G. Kingdon  
Brigadier  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

*me.*

CMB/C

Copy to DHC. 8 Corps District (Your 80/525/B/MG dated 29 Oct. refers)

Encl 1. ✓



COPY

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Soviet Citizens.

80/525/8/10.

-29 Oct 45.  
Tel 511.

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To:- HQ PW & CP DIV  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (CC)  
BUNDE  
BACB

1. Attached herewith is a copy letter received by this HQ from CC 520 (R) Mil Gov Det.
2. Details of 'Roundup' figures were supplied to you under cover of this HQ letter of even ref dated 12 Oct 45.
3. This HQ is enquiring into why a Netherlands L.O. is involved as also an UNRWA vehicle.
4. In view of para 1 (b) (d) and para 2 it is felt that you will desire to make representations at your level to the Senior Russian L.O. that such practices on the part of L.O.'s in this Corps District should cease. Therefore no approach to the Senior Corps Russian L.O. has been made by this HQ on this matter.
5. The work of the Russian Repatriation Boards in this Corps District has not yet started for reasons already known to your HQ. In this connection we discussed the matter at some length on Saturday Oct 27th with your Maj Ryland, who, on his return, will be able to explain the practical difficulties and dangers which surround this operation 'on the ground'.
6. From the Russian point of view the action by Russian L.O.s which attached letter indicates as having been taken can only lead to a premature 'flushing' of Russians in known private premises and a spirit of trepidation generally which cannot but prejudice the subsequent roundup and examination, if and when this has to be carried out.

BACB  
M/H

Brig.  
DUC,  
HQ 8 Corps District,

Copies to:- 'G' (German) Col Paybody  
Mil Gov DUC.



COPY

SUBJECT:- "Roundup" - Russian Officer.

Ref:- 23/9  
22 Oct 45

TO:- H.Q. Mil Gov 8 Corps Dist.

FROM:- Comd, 520 (K) Mil Gov Det.

1. In connection with this operation the following is of interest:-

(a) On 4 Oct 45 a Russian Officer and a Netherlands L.O. (Capt. TIEB) from ITHEUSE visited this Office at UNIJORD and demanded the names and addresses of all Russian D.P.'s, in the Kreis.

This request was refused, but we offered to give them a list of all Russians who had agreed to be repatriated under "Roundup".

This Russian Officer did NOT visit the Det. again.

(b) This Det., had arranged to evacuate 23 "WILLING" Russians to Det. 626 LUBBEK on 12 Oct. On arrival at the rendezvous with transport it was found that these Russians had been taken away by the Russian Officer previously.

(c) On 18 Oct we evacuated the remaining 16 "WILLING" Russians to LUBBEK, 2 evacuated themselves to LOKSTEDTLAGER and 2 vanished from the 18 addresses and cannot be found (Police have been informed).

(d) This Russian Officer appears to have had with him an U.N.R.R.A., vehicle numbered 108. He is reported as having given orders to the Burgomaster NAGEL at HILSE near MARNE to collect all Russians and have them ready at Marne Market at 0900 Hrs 12 Oct. Similar orders appear to have been given by this Russian on 9 Oct at Brunsbuttelkoog.

2. It is suggested that if Russian Officers come and give instructions to Burgomasters and Police in this Kreis, independent of our proper arrangements under "Roundup" not only is Mil Gov., authority undermined but the "Roundup" arrangements are jeopardised.

Sgd. 77177

MBL:CHV, Tel 550  
PCHM/PIC.

Major,  
Comd. 520 (K) Mil Gov Det.



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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: 8 CORPS DIST

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: EXFOR (OPS) MIL GOV (DP)



IY 18294  
DTO 051000A  
TOR 051330A

GA 877.

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REF YOUR CCG8513. (PWDP1717) OF 311115A. SEE BAOR/39654/2/OPS  
OF 23 OCT 45.

WE CANNOT REPORT ON BOARDS WHICH ARE NOT WORKING.

THIS CONFIRMS SIMILAR EXPLANATION GIVEN VERBALLY BY REP  
TO YOU.

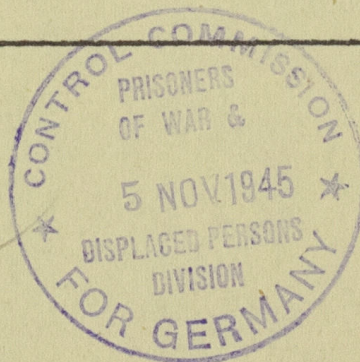
EXFOR (OPS) PLEASE EXPLAIN POSN TO CONCOMB.

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DTO 051000A

Distribution

PW & DP Div (3) for action.  
M & MC





Tel: Ext 2754

Ref: PWDP/58044/Pol

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PW & DP Division, Main HQ,  
Control Commission for  
Germany (B.E.),  
BUNDE, BAOR.

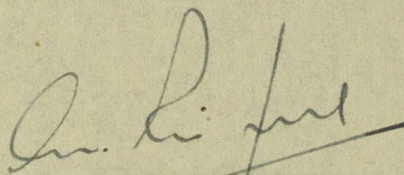
5 Nov 45.

To: Political Division,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for  
Germany (B.E.),  
LUBECKE, BAOR.

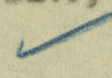
SUBJECT: Soviet DPs

Ref BAOR/16032/B/MGB(a) dated 30 Aug 45.

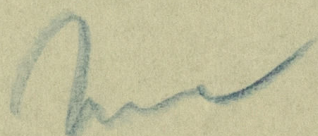
1. Cases are now being referred to this Division under para 6(d), and an example is attached herewith.
2. Will you please state whether a Russian DP woman married to a national of another country retains her Soviet nationality, and if so, whether she must be returned to USSR. If not, will you please say what constitutes a marriage for this purpose.
3. Will you please return the enclosures to this letter with your reply.

  
A.G. KENNINGTON,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to Political Div., Adv. HQ (without enclosures)

Exec 1. 

CCKR/MMM





RWDP/16032/1/Exec 1.  
ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

## MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions F

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CONCORD

Originator

Date-Time of Origin.

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Office Date Stamp

For Action.

HQ 1 Corps District

8 Corps District

30 Corps District

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

GR

Originator's No.

CCG RWDP/1717 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) Request earliest report on working  
of Soviet Repatriation Boards



16032/B

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COPY

FROM.      TROOPERS

IMPORTANT.

TO BER COMB

251115A

INFO                      CON COMB

SUGRA 122.

48 A

1. NO CHANGE IN HMGS POLICY TOWARDS RECALCITRANT SOVIET CITIZENS IS CONTEMPLATED.
2. THE COURSE YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW AS GIVEN IN YOUR PARA THREE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING POLICY. IT IS ALSO RECOGNISED AS HMGS POLICY THAT BRITISH TROOPS MAY HAVE TO BE EMPLOYED AS A LAST RESORT.
3. UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE BEING URGED TO ADOPT SAME POLICY AS HMG

Wm



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48A  
COPY

MESSAGE FORM.

IMMEDIATE

FROM BERCOMB  
TO TROOPERS  
INFO CONCOMB

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ARGUS 95.

FOR CCLB FOR PUS FROM ROBERTSON.

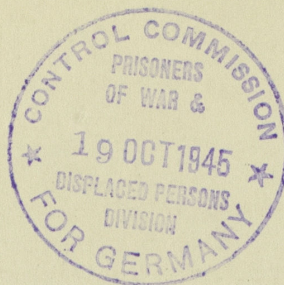
1st. GENERAL EISENHOWER IS BEING REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS HAVING ABROGATED THAT PART OF THE YALTA AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE USE OF FORCE WHERE NECESSARY TO COMPEL SOVIET CITIZENS TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY HE IS REPORTED AS HAVING NOW DECLINED TO USE FORCE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2nd. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED IN HMG's POLICY IN THIS MATTER

3rd. IF A CASE OCCURS IN THE BRITISH ZONE WHICH REQUIRES THE USE OF FORCE THE C IN C INTENDS THAT SUCH FORCE SHALL NOT BE EXERCISED BY BRITISH TROOPS BUT BY SOVIET TROOPS WHOM THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD BE INVITED TO SEND INTO THE ZONE FOR THAT PURPOSE

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8C/519/37A/MG

15 Oct 45

41A  
REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS.

1. Ref this HQ letter 8C/519/37A/MG dated 24 Sep 45.
  2. As pointed out in previous correspondence the work of the Boards is delayed pending the provision of suitable interpreters. It is anticipated that these will now shortly be available.
  3. It is, however, necessary that when the interpreters arrive the Boards should be able to operate immediately and smoothly, consequently preparations to this end should now be complete and able to be put in action at very short notice. Paras quoted below refer to above letter reference.
  4. IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED FROM BOARDS.
    - (a) Set up their HQ, with clerk, and notify Boards' address to all concerned (para 9 (c) ). It is essential that this HQ be infm of this without delay.
    - (b) Commence active liaison with Fmns and all Dets listed in appendix 'A' to above letter reference, to work out programme of visits which entails minimum of travelling, and settle detail of accn for, and procedure of, examination.
  5. BY FMNS & DETS LISTED IN APPENDIX 'A' OF ABOVE LETTER REF.
    - (a) Ensure lists are prepared (para 5 (a).(b) ).
    - (b) Prepare procedure for collection, segregation and guarding of 'ROUNDUPS' in conjunction with local Mil fmns in accordance this HQ letter 8C/159/17/GA - 8th Sept para 6 (b) (II). Collection of 'ROUNDUPS' and initiating arrangements with Mil Fmns for guards, segregation etc is a responsibility of 'K' Dets and of persons in DP Camps of the 'R' Dets or Mil Fmns responsible for DP Camps. Co-ordination of requirements for segregation and guarding as between the above, for any given area, is desirable to ensure the maximum guards for the minimum period and at the minimum number of places. Arrangements should be such as to allow the collection and segregation to be effected just before the visit of the Boards.
    - (c) Prepare arrangements to ensure that persons to be examined appear before the Boards and after examination are returned to safe custody. Measures to minimise possibility of escape will be necessary.
    - (d) In the case of 'K' Dets setting up their own 'segregation camps' they will initiate arrangements with 626 Det LUBECK for the reception of repatriable persons and arrange movement in conjunction with local Mil fmns (para 6 (a) (b) ).
- /sheet 2 .... Fmns & 'R' Dets ....



Fms & 'R' Dets responsible for DP camps will act similarly.

Where 'K' Dets have arranged to use DP camp segregation facilities the responsibility for arranging subsequent movement of 'repatriables' will be mutually agreed between the parties concerned.

The Boards necessarily will be unable to arrange the time of their visit to any particular area very far ahead. To avoid escapes and minimise guards the above plans should be ready to go into operation at short notice and with the element of surprise. After the examination it will be equally desirable to move the 'repatriables' to LUBECK without undue delay.

Movement arrangements and instructions to drivers when and where to go must be exact and suitable guards provided, if escapes are to be avoided.

- (e) Boards must now be warned, with minimum of delay when Dets are ready for them (para 5 (d) ).
- (f) 626 'R' Det should now complete their arrangement for reception and custody of repatriables that will be sent to them.

BAOR  
M/H

*6544*  
Brig, *may 68*  
DDMG,  
HQ 8 Corps District.

DISTRIBUTION:-  
15 (S) Div }  
7 Armd Div } 2 Copies to be passed to members  
11 Armd Div } of Boards  
4 Armd Bde }  
11 Armd div (Mil Gov (8) )  
8 AGRA (DP) 3  
312 (P) Det (23) (for Dets under Comd incl 619 Det (3) )  
616 L/R Det  
609 L/R Det (5) (for Dets under Comd)  
220 Det (5) 506 Det (2) 521 Det (3) 626 (2) 'R' Dets  
25 DPAC

Copies to:-  
Concomb (FW/DP Div)   
UNRRA Director PREETZ  
Mil Gov (Exec) 8 Corps  
G (German) Lt Col Paybody



Extn: 2248.

Hq PW & DP Division

Main Hq

Control Commission for Germany (CC)

BAD OENKHAUSEN

B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1.

8 Oct 45.

PW & DP Division

Adv Headquarters,

Control Commission for Germany (CC),

BERLIN,

B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Soviet Wives of Poles.

Reference your PWDP/59808/5 dated 1 Oct 45.

No cases of women, formerly Soviet citizens and claiming another nationality by marriage, have yet been referred to this Headquarters.

WRL.

Brigadier.

Chief, PW & DP Division.

PWP/100L.



Ext: 5139  
Ref: PWDP/59808/5

PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany,  
Adv. HQ,  
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

1 Oct 45.

To: PW & DP Division,  
Main Headquarters,  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN



SUBJECT: Soviet Wives of Poles

The Foreign Office have had a report which appeared in a Polish newspaper published in England and are anxious to find out whether this report is true. The report said that "Russian women who have married Poles in Prison camps are to be handed over to the Soviet Authorities, since on the basis of Soviet law they remain Soviet citizens".

Paragraph 6(d) of British Armies of the Rhine/16032/B/MG8(a) of the 30th of August, seems to indicate that if there were any such cases they were referred to Headquarters B.A.O.R. for decision.

Will you please say therefore whether any such cases have been referred to that Headquarters and whether a decision was in any case given to the effect that a Soviet woman who had married a Pole was decided still to be a Soviet, in order that the report in the newspaper may be denied or confirmed.

*Raele Thicknesse*

R.N. THICKNESSE,  
Col.

Deputy Chief, PW & DP Div.

Copy to: POLITICAL DIVISION,  
Advanced HQ.



Ext: 2248.

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44  
HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BAD OEWENHAUSEN  
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1.

25 Sep 45

HQ 1 Corps District.

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Subject:- Repatriation of SOVIET Citizens

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Reference conversation ANDERSON- ROBERTSON.

Herewith additional copies of our letters  
PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1 dated 26 Sep 45 and BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a)  
dated 30 Aug 45, as requested.

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*WR*

MFR/DMP.

Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



Extn: 2248

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BAD OYENHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1.

27 Sep 45.

8 Corps District Mil Gov

SUBJECT: Maps.

6 Copies.

Reference your MG 445 dated 201130 A.

1. Herewith 30 copies of "Europe and the Near East" on which the 1939 Soviet Frontier has been marked.
2. This line was not marked on the maps previously supplied and it is hoped that this was done before they were issued.

Just Lubbecke  
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WLC  
Brigadier  
Chief, PW & DP Division

MFR/BWH



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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Soviet Citizens

8C/519/37a/MG

18 Sep 45

Tel 259

41B

1. Reference this HQ letter 8C/519/37a/MG dated 24 Sep 45, para 5 (b) (iv) the following additional rules for guidance of all concerned are fwd.
  - (1) The non-Soviet wife of a Soviet citizen will be repatriated with him if she so desires and if the Soviet Repatriation Officer accepts her.
  - (2) If both parents are repatriated their children will accompany them.
  - (3) In cases where the wife is not repatriated, children born in Germany will normally stay with her, unless already in the custody of the husband, or if she voluntarily renounces custody.
  - (4) Exceptional cases not covered by these instructions should be referred for decision to this HQ with recommendation.
2. Please amend "Guide to Soviet Repatriation problems" accordingly.

PAOR  
M/T

Brig,  
DDMG,  
HQ 8 Corps District.

DISTRIBUTION:- 312 (P) Det (23) (for Dets under Comd  
incl 619 Det (3))  
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Mil Gov (Exec) 8 Corps



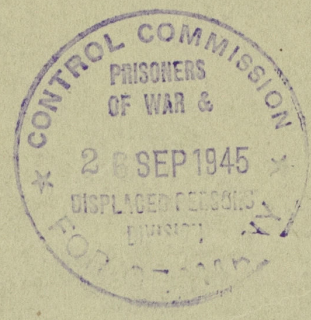
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SUBJECT:- Russian Repatriation.

8C/519/37A/MG.

25 Sep 45.

Tel 419



To:- HQ PW & DP Div ✓  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
B.A.O.R.

1. Further to this HQ letter of even ref dated 13 Sep 45.
2. Attached herewith is copy of this HQ letter 8C/519/37A/MG of 24 Sep 45 setting out details of how the Boards are to work.
3. The members to the Boards have now been appointed in accordance with letter ref 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45, copy of which was sent to you.
4. Boards are now ready to operate and await interpreters and Russian and Polish L.O.'s.  
In regard to L.O.'s, the Senior Polish L.O. for Repatriation (Capt. Durotin NOWAKOWSKI) in this Corps District states that he could provide Polish L.O.'s if he is so instructed.  
At the moment there are 1 Senior Russian L.O. (Lt Col SHAPAVALOV) and three others at present in this Corps District.
5. It is, of course, desired that the Boards should commence their work at once and no doubt your instructions re interpreters and L.O.'s will be to hand in the very near future.

BAOR.  
M/J

*for now*  
Brig,  
DDMG,  
HQ 8 Corps District.

Copy to:- 'G' German  
'A' German



41B

24 Sep 45.

CONFIDENTIAL

8C/519/37A/MG

REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS.

1. Ref this HQ letter 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45, with appendices 'A' and 'B'. (Copy attached for ease of reference).
2. Boards as detailed in above letter Appendix 'B' have now been formed and will begin operations shortly.
3. The following working instructions will apply.
4. ROUTING OF BOARDS.  
Routing will be in accordance with lists in Appendix 'A' to this letter. As far as possible priority of visits will be:-
  - (a) Fms concerned and 'R' Dets for DP Camps.
  - (b) 'K' Dets for 'ROUNDUP' DP's.  
(Note. Details of Op 'ROUNDUP' attached herewith).
5. FMS CONCERNED & MIL GOV DETS RESPONSIBILITIES TO BOARDS.  
All Fms concerned and all 'R' & 'K' Dets will:-
  - (a) Prepare lists of DP Camps and persons for examination there in accordance with 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45 Appendix 'B' para 5(a).
  - (b) Prepare lists of persons and their locations in accordance with 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45 Appendix 'B' paras 5(b) & 6(b).  
'Doubtful cases' for the purposes of these lists will be:-
    - (i) Persons reported either through this HQ or by an accredited Russian L.O. to the Fm or Det concerned who are claimed by the Russian L.O.'s to be Soviet Citizens.
    - (ii) Persons disclosed in 'ROUNDUP' who state their nationality to be Russian but who are unwilling to be repatriated.
    - (iii) Persons who it is considered should be subjected to examination by Boards, as a result of info or evidence in the possession of Fms, Dets or Officers Commanding DP Camps, acquired in the course of 'ROUNDUP' or from other routine sources.
    - (iv) "A guide to Soviet Repatriation problems" is attached to this letter to assist in determining which persons are not repatriable as Soviet Citizens.
  - (c) Prepare programme of work for Boards in order of local priority and arrange for them to undertake their task in quickest and most convenient manner, having regard to 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45, Appendix 'B', para 6(b).  
Importance of suitable accn at each point of the programme is emphasised.
  - (d) Warn the appropriate Board immediately when all arrangements completed or sufficiently far advanced for the Board to commence its work fwdg copies of lists as in (a), (b) above (copy to this HQ).



6. SEGREGATION, GUARDING AND DISPOSAL OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE SOVIET

CITIZENS

- (a) This will be the responsibility of Fmns concerned and 'R' & 'K' Dets in conjunction with local Mil fmns in accordance with 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45 Appendix 'B' para 6(a) (iii) & (b) (iii).
- (b) Full arrangements for reception of repatriable Soviet Citizens by 626 (R) Det LUBECK will be made direct with that Det to whom 2 copies of nominal rolls (see para 8(a)(3)) must be fwd.
- (c) 626 (R) Det will maintain close contact with Senior Russian L.O. (Lt. Col. SHAPAVLOV) in this respect.

7. CASES UNDECIDED BY THE BOARDS.

Boards will deal with these in accordance with 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45, para 3, second sub para.

8. REPORTS & RECORDS.

- (a) Boards will render a report under the following headings to this HQ (3 copies to Fmn or Det concerned) as at 1800 hrs Friday of each week.

- (1) Detachment
- (2) Camps and or other locations visited.
- (3) Nominal rolls of persons examined including
  - (i) those found to be Soviet Citizens
  - (ii) those found to be Non Soviet Citizens.

Nil returns when applicable in respect of any week, to be rendered.

- (b) 626 (R) Det LUBECK will cause records of arrivals to their camp to be checked against the nominal rolls of repatriable Soviet Citizens rendered to them by Fmns or Dets, and report any non-arrivals to the Fmn or Det concerned with copy to this HQ.

9. COMMS.

- (a) The duration of visits by Boards in any area cannot be foreseen and therefore no schedule of visits can be prepared at this HQ.

Boards will therefore arrange direct with Fmns or Mil Gov Dets concerning the dates of their visits.

They will however, fwd to this HQ details of any provisional arrangements which may be made.

- (b) Boards will be responsible for infm this HQ by signal of actual dates of arrival at and departure from locations.
- (c) Boards will infm this HQ and all appropriate Fmns or Dets of their central address for correspondence and arrange for its prompt fwdg.

10. INTERPRETERS.

One for each Board has been applied for and it is hoped will be available shortly.



11. RUSSIAN & POLISH L.O.'s.

One for each Board has been applied for.  
It is emphasised that these L.O.'s are not members of Boards.  
Examinations will be conducted by British members only, the  
President calling the L.O.'s into consultation as required.

12. BRIEFING.

Presidents of Boards will be called to a Briefing Conference at  
this HQ in the near future.

13. ADMIN.

Mil Gov Dets will arrange accon etc as necessary for visiting  
Boards which will have an arduous and difficult task. All facilities to  
assist them in this are requested.

14. MAPS.

(Ref 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45. Appendix 'A' para 2) will be  
distributed when available.

BAOR  
M/T

*W. R. Campbell*  
Brig,  
DDMG,  
HQ 8 Corps District.

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Concomp (PW/DP Div)  
UNRRA Director FREETZ  
Mil Gov (Exec) 8 Corps



'ROUNDUP'

DP CAMPS

15 (S) DIV AREA.

BOARD 'A'

609 L/R DET HAMBURG S4953  
209 'K' " ALTONA S4552  
301 'Port' DET HAMBURG  
517 'K' DET BERGEDORF S6546  
610 'K' " HARBURG S4743  
820 'K' " LUBECK S9590  
625 'K' " BAD SECEBURG S6996  
614 'K' " RATZEBURG T0172  
530 'K' " PINNEBURG S3663  
501 'K' " BAD OLDESLOE S4782

220 'R' DET WENTORF S6747  
521 'R' " HAMBURG  
626 'R' " LUBECK S9590

7 ARMD DIV.

BOARD 'B'

216 'K' DET ITZENHOE S1794  
217 'K' " RENDSBURG N2537  
520 'K' " BRUNSBUTTEL R9290  
529 'K' " FRIEDRICHSTADT B9352  
629 'K' " NEUMUNSTER N4812

For ITZENHOE 521 'R' DET HAMBURG  
For KREIS RENDSBURG 8 AGRA  
For NEUMUNSTER 25 DPAC NEUMUNSTER  
N4812

4 ARMD BEE.

BOARD 'C'

909 'L' DET KIEL C5638  
218 'K' " PLON N7521  
224 'K' " EUTIN N8819  
619 'K' " NEUSTADT 00116

506 'R' DET KIEL C5640  
619 'K' " NEUSTADT 00116

11 ARMD DIV.

BOARD 'D'

124 'K' DET NIEBULL W8400  
927 'K' " ECKERNFORDE C4456  
928 'K' " SCHLESWIG C2663  
929 'K' " FLENSBURG C2494  
930 'K' " HUSUM B9464  
616 L/R " SCHLESWIG C2661  
576 'K' " FLENSBURG C2494

11 ARMD DIV CONTROLS  
UNRRM & DPAC teams direct



Subject :- Registration of Foreigners. Op "ROUNDUP"

30/525/8/10

To :- 312, 609, 220, 506, 521, 626, 819 Mil Gov Dets

15 Aug 45

1. The object of "ROUNDUP" is to register all foreigners in 8 Corps District.
2. For the purpose of the op, the following classes of foreigners will be registered :-

- (a) Persons born before 3 Sept 39 who assumed GERMAN nationality on or after that date.
- (b) NON GERMANS (including persons in (a) above) NOT under control of a Mil Gov DP Centre
- (c) NON GERMANS (including persons in (a) above) who have NOT already registered as DPs and who are NOT in possession of DP 1 cards.
- (d) NON GERMANS (including persons in (a) above) who are NOT members of the Allied Forces nor are members of any organisations operating under the command of such forces.

3. The target date for registration to be completed is 15 Sept 45.

4. The operation will proceed as follows :-

- (a) Foreigners will be called by public notice (See Appx 'A') to report to their Burgermeisters for registration.
- (b) Burgermeisters will be instructed (by Dets) to enter the particulars required by the pro forma nominal roll at Appx 'B'. These nominal rolls will be completed in duplicate: one copy being retained by the Burgermeister and one copy being fwd to the K Det concerned.
- (c) On registrations each person will receive a card per pro forma at Appx 'C'. This card is merely a prima facie proof that the man in question has registered and does not constitute an identity document.

5. When registration is complete and nominal rolls have been received by dets, returns will be rendered direct to Mil Gov 8 Corps District (copies to 312 and 609 Dets as applicable) showing :-

Total numbers by nationalities of foreigners in det areas with (opposite each nationality) the numbers desirous of being repatriated.

EXAMPLE

Det No ..... Kreis etc .....

Return of Foreigners

Total numbers	Nationalities	Numbers desiring repatriation
100	French	80
70	Italian	51
etc	etc	etc

2/6. It is .....



6. It is appreciated that special arrangements for registration may have to be made in respect of Hansestadt HAMBURG. e.g. registration may be delegated to Police Stations, thus involving a differently worded notice.

609 Det will therefore fwd comments and suggested modifications to reach this HQ by 19 Aug 45.

Ext 404  
In the Field

WLE/EP

(sgd) L. BROWN Major  
for Colonel,  
DEMG 8 Corps District.

Copies to

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G (German)  
CSI (b) (2)  
A (British)  
A (German)  
A (PWX and DPs)  
Q (Joint)  
Q (M)

DEI (2)  
11 Armd Div  
15 (S) Div  
4 Armd Bde  
22 Armd Bde  
8 AGRA  
KIML Bde Area  
80 AA Bde  
8 Base Sub Area



Ext 3013

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (EE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
B.A.O.R.

26 Sep 45

HQ 1 Corps District  
HQ 8 Corps District  
HQ 30 Corps District

Subject:- Repatriation of SOVIET Citizens.

20A

Reference this Headquarters letter ref BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a) dated 30 Aug 45.

The following are additional rules for the guidance of those concerned in the repatriation of SOVIET citizens:-

- (1) The non-Soviet wife of a Soviet citizen will be repatriated with him if she so desires and if the Soviet Repatriation Officer accepts her.
- (2) If both parents are repatriated their children will accompany them.
- (3) In cases where the wife is not repatriated, children born in Germany will normally stay with her, unless already in the custody of the husband, or if she voluntarily renounces custody.
- (4) Exceptional cases not covered by these instructions should be referred for decision to this HQ with a recommendation.

RBL/EMM

Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division,

Copies to:-

British Army of the Rhine

A(PWX)

Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

Secretariat

Political Division

Legal Division

Secretariat (Berlin Group)

PW & DP Division (Berlin Group)

C.D.P.X. (British Element)



ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 39

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin.

Office Date Stamp

CONCERNED

15 1210 A

For Action.

8 CORPS DISTRICT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

GR

Originator's No.

PROP 1768 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) ref your HG 445 of 201130A 30 copies of

map being despatched soonest

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This message may be sent  
AS WRITTEN by any means  
except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be Intercepted or to fall  
into enemy hands this message must  
be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

Originator's Instructions.  
Degree of Priority.

Time

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMPORTANT.

FROM: 8 CORPS

TO: CONCOMB



IY 8419  
DTO 201130A  
TCR 202330A

MG445.

FOR PW/DP DIV. REF MAPS (EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST) CAN YOU SUPPLY  
FURTHER THIRTY COPIES.

DTO 201130A

Distribution.

P.W. & D.P. Div. (2) (For action)  
M & MC.



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of Shuman  
✓ WRL*

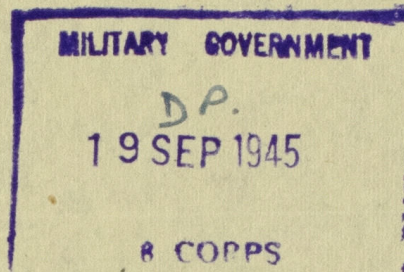


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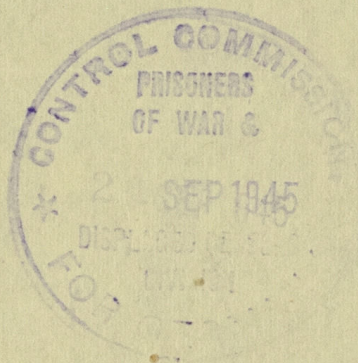
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Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
BAOR.

(13) 37

8 Corps District Mil Gov. ✓  
30 Corps District Mil Gov.  
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Received the following : 50 Maps (Europe and the near East)  
and 100 copies of 'Guide to Soviet Repatriation Problems'.



Signature..... *W. W. Ward*  
Date..... *20 Sept 45.*

*I have wired you  
wired up: HQ. 445 - 20 1130 B.  
for further 30 copies of the maps.  
hope you can do - we need  
them for complete dist: all manner.  
Thank you  
*W. W. Ward**



16032/В

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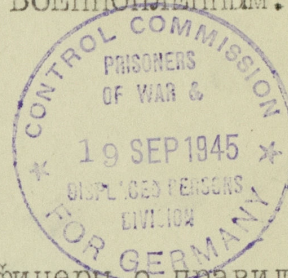
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ОТДЕЛ ПО ГРАЖДАНСКИМ И ВОЕННОПЛЕННЫМ.

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НА № РВДР/16032/В.



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*Родионов* РОДИОНОВ/.

Отп. 2 экз.

Экз. №-1 Отд. Гр. и Вп.

Экз. №-2 в дело.

Ф.П.



Seen

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RESTRICTED

1 Corps District (Ref 142/1/G(Ops)A  
8 Corps District dated 7 Sep 45)  
30 Corps District)

20a

BAOR/00/39794/Ops(A)

Reference BAOR/16032/B/MS8(a) dated 30 August 1945.

1. Soviet citizens, as defined in the above quoted letter, must be returned to RUSSIA, whether they are willing to go or not. That is the policy of IMG.
2. The method by which unwilling persons are induced to go must be decided by Corps Districts. There is no limit to the amount of force which may be used. All necessary steps must be taken to ensure that these persons do in actual fact reach the exchange points.
3. It is important that Russians should not be allowed to take part in enforcing this policy. It is their responsibility to take over only after the exchange points have been reached.
4. Corps Districts will report immediately any instances where application of this policy has resulted in incidents on a major scale.

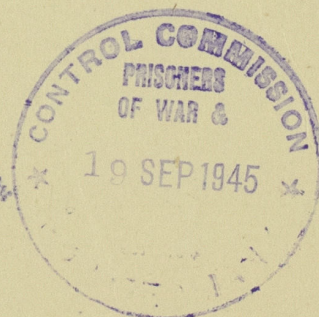
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HQ British Army of the Rhine  
1 September 1945

*W. C. C. C.*  
Major-General,  
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:- Control Commission for Germany:

Political Division  
PW and DP Division  
HQ Military Government  
HQ British Army of the Rhine:  
CSI  
A (Co-ord) } Ref BAOR/41904/A (Wehr) 4  
A (Wehr) } dated 17 Sep 45  
Allied Liaison





35A

MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message



IMPORTANT.

FROM: 1 CORPS DISTRICT

TO: CONCOMB PW AND DP DIV

IY 7102  
DTO 141830B  
TOR 150245B

ME 990.

*20a*

YOUR BAOR/16032/B/MB/8 (A) OF 30 AUG.

1 REF PARA 7 REQUEST ISSUE EARLIEST THIRTY COPIES OF MAP.

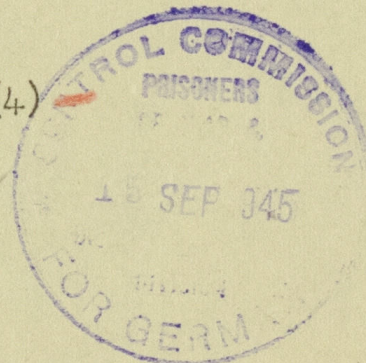
2. REQUEST FIRM DATE WHEN GUIDE TO SOVIET NATIONALITY WILL  
BE AVAILABLE.

DTO 141830B

Distribution.

P.W. & D.P. Div. (for action) (4)  
M & MC.

*me*





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SUBJECT:- Russian Repatriation-Stragglers

Ref 8C/519/37/A/MG

To:- HQ. PW & DP Div  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BAD OYENHAUSEN

13

Sep 45

1. Attached herewith copy of this HQ letter ref 8C/159/17/GA of 8 Sep 45 with appendices A & B.

2. Interpreters (Ref appendix 'B' para 1)

(a) Premier importance is attached to the quality of these. The success of each investigation depends on these men. Equally they are bound to be objects of suspicion to the Russian L.O.'s concerned, and for this reason their standing must be official and above criticism.

(b) It is not considered satisfactory to choose Baltic or other DP's capable of speaking Russian and Polish. It is submitted that the only satisfactory answer is to have properly accredited uniformed interpreters, preferably British.

(c) In view of the importance of carrying through the agreed scheme to the satisfaction of all concerned, particularly the Russian and Polish representatives, may such interpreters be made available for these Boards, please?

3. Russian L.O.'s (Ref App.: 'B' para 6 (a)(ii) )

(a) When interpreters are available and the Boards commence to operate 4 additional L.O.'s will be required.

(b) It is not considered advisable to ask for these officers to be sent to this HQ until nearer the date when they will be actually required.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Ext: 259  
In the Field  
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JHM/TTD

Lt Col GORMAN  
~~for DDmg~~  
8 Corps District.  
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Copy to: 'G' (German) 8 Corps District  
'A' (German) 8 Corps District

*[Handwritten initials]*



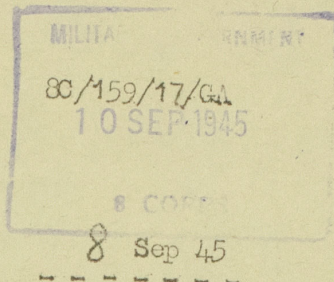


CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Repatriation of Soviet Citizens

To:- 7 Armd Div 80 AA Bde  
11 Armd Div 8 AGRA  
15 (S) Div 8 BSA  
4 Armd Bde KIEL Bde Area

From:- 8 Corps District  
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1. Now that the main repatriation programme of Soviet citizens is complete it is necessary to ensure that remaining PWX/DPs, whom the Soviet authorities claim should be repatriated, are dealt with according to HMG policy.
2. Boards of three officers (one of whom will be a field officer and will act as President) will be set up to deal with cases where the Soviet authorities claim a PWX/DP as a Soviet citizen while the person concerned claims to be stateless or a citizen of some other state.
3. These Boards will be found from within existing manpower resources. Their duty will be to take evidence of fact and, where these facts appear sufficiently clear under the rules issued, to declare the nationality of the PWX/DP concerned in accordance with HMG rulings as set out in Appx 'A'.  
  
Only in cases where the Board feels that, owing to the difficulty of the case it can not reach a decision, will the case together with a full report of the Board's hearing be forwarded to this HQ for further examination. There is no right of appeal from the decision of these boards.
4. In all cases where it is decided that a particular PWX/DP is satisfactorily identifiable as a Soviet citizen, he will be repatriated even though he is unwilling to go.
5. It is fully appreciated that compulsory movement of Soviet citizens who do not wish to be repatriated may be repugnant to the British Army Officers and other ranks who have to enforce this order. It is, however, a duty to carry out a national pledged agreement.  
  
It will be made clear to all ranks that by the Agreement made at CRIMEA the repatriation of all Soviet citizens irrespective of their wishes will be carried out.
6. Appx 'B' to this letter gives the composition and method of operation of these boards.

BAOR  
JDP/GIM  
Ext

*B. G. S.*  
B.G.S.  
8 Corps District.  
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Copy to:- 101 AA Bde 106 AA Bde  
ADC/Comd BGS  
Col GS Col GS(I)  
G(Ops) A(German)  
DDMG (3)



1. The following are the main rulings for determining the nationality of liberated and displaced persons coming before the board :-
  - (a) HMG do not at present regard themselves as bound under the CRIMEA Agreement to agree to the compulsory repatriation of persons coming from territories acquired by the Soviet Union at any time since 1 Sep 39. Notification will be given of any change in this policy.
  - (b) Persons from these territories who wish to return to their homes should be allowed to do so, but they should not be repatriated against their wish.
  - (c) Persons ordinarily resident in Soviet territory within the boundaries existing on 1 Sep 39 (including such BYELO - Russians and Ukrainians as come within this category) must be regarded as Soviet citizens if they are claimed as such by the Soviet authorities, and they must be repatriated whether they wish to go or not.
  - (d) If a woman formerly a Soviet citizen claims another nationality by marriage, her case will be referred together with any available documents to this H.Q. for decision.
  - (e) Russian EMIGRES who were ordinarily resident outside the Soviet Union before 22 Jun 41 will not be repatriated against their wishes. Stateless persons of other than Soviet citizenship, even if of Russian extraction, will not be handed over to the Soviet Repatriation authorities unless they explicitly state that they wish to go to USSR.
2. A map showing the Western boundary of the Soviet Union on 1 Sep 39 (referred to in para 1(a) and (c) above) is attached.



1. Four Boards will be established in 8 Corps District. Each Board will consist of one Field Officer and two Capts or Subalterns. In addition each Board will have one clerk provided by the firm detailed to find the Board and one interpreter to be provided by Mil Gov 8 Corps District.

2. Firms detailed to find Boards and the area of responsibility of these Boards is as follows :-

	<u>Firm to Provide</u>	<u>Area</u>
<u>BOARD 'A'</u>	15 (S) Div	15 (S) Div area and Hansestadt HAMBURG
<u>BOARD 'B'</u>	7 Armd Div	7 Armd Div area (incl N and S DITHMARSCHEN) plus Kreise RENSBURG and NEUMUNSTER.
<u>BOARD 'C'</u>	4 Armd Bde	Kreise KIEL, FLON and EUTIN OLDENBURG i/H.
<u>BOARD 'D'</u>	11 Armd Div	11 Armd Div area (incl the Kr EIDERSTEDT).

3. Firms will nominate President and members of Boards to this HQ by not later than 11 Sep 45. Members may subsequently be changed at the discretion of firms but the President will NOT be changed without reference to this HQ. Firms will take the greatest care to ensure selection of suitable offrs. The Boards will work under instructions DDMG 8 Corps Dist who will warn Presidents nominated to report for briefing to him or an officer detailed by him.

4. Detailed instructions for the operation of these Boards will be issued by DDMG 8 Corps Dist but para 5 and 6 below give the general policy to be followed.

5. Persons of Eastern European origin now remaining in the Corps area and who might either themselves claim or be claimed by Soviet authorities to be Soviet citizens, can be divided into three categories :-

(a) CATEGORY I

Those who lay claim to some nationality other than Soviet and who are, for this reason, still held in DP camps pending investigation.

(b) CATEGORY II

Those who are living with German Nationals outside camps, in towns, villages and farms and who will be disclosed by the registration of Non-German nationals at present taking place.

(c) CATEGORY III

Those who are in hiding and who will probably escape registration by keeping on the move and clear of habitations.

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Appx 'B' Contd

6. The operations necessary to segregate and repatriate categories shown in para 5 above will be as follows :-

(a) CATEGORY I

- (i) Each Board of officers will visit in rotation all DP camps in its area of responsibility.
- (ii) A Soviet and Polish LO will be made available by Mil Govt to assist the Board as required. These LOs will NOT be members of the Board.
- (iii) As individuals are proved to be Russians or non-Russians their DP cards will be so endorsed by the Board. Non-Russians will continue to be housed in their National camps under Mil Govt arrangements but Russians will be closely segregated and moved under firm arrangements to the Soviet camp at LUBECK or such other location as may be notified by this HQ. They will be guarded at all times until handed over to the Soviet authorities. Responsibility for providing guard is that of the firm in whose area the camp is situated.

(b) CATEGORY II

- (i) Round up lists will be checked by Mil Govt and doubtful cases selected.
- (ii) All doubtful cases will be reported by Mil Govt to the appropriate firm who will arrange to move them immediately to camps set up for the purpose. These camps will be sited by firms and must be guarded by firms within their own areas. Adm arrangements will be made by Mil Govt.
- (iii) All subsequent action will be as in 6(a) above.

(c) CATEGORY III

No action will be taken until Categories I and II have been dealt with. Whilst the segregation of persons coming within the first two categories is taking place undoubtedly many will escape and become Category III. Comb-outs will have to take place until these people are discovered and dealt with as described above for Categories I and II.



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from  
G (Ops) 12

NIENBURG AUTO EXT:- 225

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject:- Repatriation of Soviet Citizens  
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HQ 30 Corps District  
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227/G(Ops)  
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5 Inf Div (3) (2 for infm of  
exchange posts)

43 Inf Div (2) (1 for infm of  
exchange posts)

10 Sep 45  
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51 (H) Div

3 Cdn Inf Div (CAOF)

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DPM

Lt-Col ZUCHNO  
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1 Pol Armd Div

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4 Liaison Armd HQ

GSI

8 Armd Bde

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Mil Gov

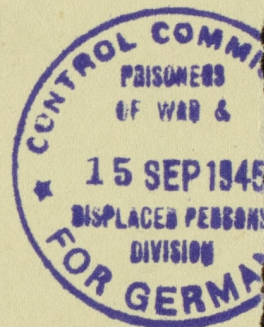
HQ BAOR (2)

229 (I) Det

COS  
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Appx 'A' to 227/G(Ops) dated 4 Sep 45 is forwarded herewith.

1. Every effort should be made to induce all Russian DP/PWX to return to Russia. It is hoped that they will do so willingly in view of HMG's undertaking to the Soviet Union. If it is evident that force will be required the case should be referred to this HQ before taking action.
2. It is probable that the maps referred to at Appx 'A' will be available only on a scale of one per div or independent bde gp.



*RSg...*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.



33B

Appx "A" to 227/G(Ops)  
dated 3 Sep 45

COPY

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT; Repatriation of Soviet Citizens  
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*All Regions*  
HQ 1 Corps District  
HQ 8 Corps District  
HQ 30 Corps District  
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BAOR/16032/B/MG8(a)

30 Aug 45

1. Now that main repatriation programme of Soviet citizens is complete your task will be to ensure that remaining PWX/DPs whom the Soviet Authorities claim should be repatriated are dealt with in accordance with H.M.G. policy.
2. *M.L.P.* You will, therefore, set up forthwith boards to consist of three British Officers (~~to include one Field Officer~~) with an interpreter and clerk to deal with cases where the Soviet Authorities claim a PWX/DP to be a Soviet citizen and the PWX/DP claims to be a citizen of another country or stateless.
3. These boards will be found from within your existing manpower resources. Their duty will be to take evidence of fact and where these facts appear sufficiently clear under the rules issued, to declare the nationality of the PWX/DP concerned in accordance with H.M.G. rulings as set out in para 6 below.

Only in cases where the board does not feel that, owing to the difficulty of the case, it can reach a decision, will the case together with a full report of the board's hearing be forwarded to this ~~Hq~~ *Division* for further examination by ~~Legal Division~~.

4. In all cases where it is decided that a particular PWX/DP is satisfactorily identifiable as a Soviet citizen, ~~he will be repatriated even though he is unwilling to go.~~ *and he is repatriated, action will be taken to hand him over.*
5. It is fully appreciated that compulsory movement of Soviet citizens who do not wish to be repatriated may be repugnant to the British Army officers and other ranks who have to enforce the order. It is, however, a duty to carry out a national pledged agreement.

All ranks under your command will be informed that by the Agreement made at CRIMEA the repatriation of all Soviet citizens irrespective of their wishes would be carried out and that the USSR would expect this to be carried out, since the USSR are complying with their side of the Agreement by repatriating west-bound Allied PWs and DPs.

6. The following are the main rulings for determining the nationality of liberated and displaced persons coming before the board -

(a) H.M.G. do not at present regard themselves as bound under the Crimea Agreement to agree to the compulsory repatriation of persons coming from territories acquired by the Soviet Union at any time since Sep 1st 1939. Notification will be given of any change in this policy.

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6.cont'd

- (b) Persons from these territories who wish to return to their homes should be allowed to do so, but they should not be repatriated against their wish.
  - (c) Persons ordinarily resident in Soviet territory within the boundaries existing on Sep 1st 1939 (including such BYELO - Russians and Ukrainians as come within this category) must be regarded as Soviet citizens if they are claimed as such by the Soviet authorities, and they must be repatriated whether they wish to go or not.
  - (d) If a woman formerly a Soviet citizen claims another nationality by marriage, her case will be referred together with any available documents to this ~~HQ~~ <sup>Division</sup> for decision.
  - (e) Russian EMIGRES who were ordinarily resident outside the Soviet Union before Jun 22nd 1941 will not be repatriated against their wishes. Stateless persons of other than Soviet citizenship even if of Russian extraction, will not be handed over to the Soviet Repatriation authorities unless they explicitly state that they wish to go to U.S.S.R.
7. A map showing the western boundary of the Soviet Union on Sep 1st 1939 (referred to in para(c) and (e) above) will be forwarded as soon as received.

(sgd) M. Jobb, Col GS  
for

Chief of Staff,  
British Army of the Rhine,  
B.A.O.R.

HQ British Army of the Rhine,  
B.A.O.R.  
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MAIN H.Q. 21 ARMY GROUP CONFL CIPHER MESSAGE NO. OD609.

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D.O.P. .. NIL.

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FROM : USFET MAIN SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE ETGEO

TO : CG THIRD US ARMY FOR G-5

INFO : CG SEVENTH US ARMY FOR G-5;  
CG USFA FOR G-5; C IN C BRITISH ARMY  
OF THE RHINE

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S 20741 (.) CONFL (.) REF YOUR 20-7978 DATED 28 AUG  
MARRIAGE BY SOVIET MALE RPT MALE CITIZEN DOES NOT RPT NOT  
AFFECT HIS REPATRIATION STATUS (.)  
NON-SOVIET WIFE WILL BE REPATRIATED WITH HIM IF SHE SO  
DESIRES RPT DESIRES AND IF SOVIET REPATRIATION OFFR  
ACCEPTS (.) IF BOTH PARENTS REPATRIATED, CHILDREN WILL ACCOMPANY  
THEM (.)

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IN CASE OF REPATRIATION OF ONE BUT NOT BOTH PARENTS, CHILDREN  
BORN IN GERMANY WILL NORMALLY STAY WITH MOTHER, IRRESPECTIVE N  
OF NATIONALITY, UNLESS ALREADY IN CUSTODY OF FATHER UNLESS SHE  
VOLUNTARILY RPT VOLUNTARILY RENOUNCES CUSTODY (.)

EXCEPTIONAL CASE FOR WHICH THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT RPT NOT  
ADEQUATE WILL BE REFERRED TO THIS HQ WITH RECOMMENDATION

D.O.P. ... NIL.

319930B.

THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED  
OUTSIDE BRITISH GOVT DEPTMENTS  
OR HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY  
EVEN IN CIPHER, WITHOUT BEING PAR-  
PHASED



on: Colonel H. FULTON.

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Main PW & DP Division,  
Main Hq  
Control Commission for  
Germany (EE),  
BAD OENSHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

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Ref: ZEF/10012/3/EXR 1.

13 Sep 45.

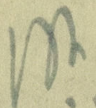
Dear

I am writing to you in the absence of Brigadier Kenchington concerning an enquiry about a Captain "George MEYENDORFF" whose address is given as Benark Bremen, St. Uchte, Darlaten 6. The correspondence on the subject which was handed to Brigadier Kenchington is returned herewith.

We have made enquiries and discovered a man named Dailate MEYENDORFF living at the above address. This individual was born in Russia in 1894 and moved to Estonia in 1920, where it is understood he received some form of conditional citizenship. He went to Germany in 1941 and became classified as Volksdeutch. He is now living outside a DP camp and is on the books of an unofficial Estonian Committee at DISSENZ. When he was contacted he was apparently not apprehensive of any threat of extradition to the Soviet authorities.

If the foregoing particulars are correct MEYENDORFF does not fall into that category of persons whom we are bound to hand over to the Soviet authorities regardless of their wishes. Since this is the case, is there any further action you would like us to take ?

Yours



Major General E.F. KIRBY, CB., CMG., CBE., MC.,



GUIDE TO SOVIET REPATRIATION PROBLEMS.

1. Who is repatriable as a SOVIET citizen?

A person concerning whom there is a prima facie case of SOVIET nationality and who normally resided within the boundaries of the USSR on 1 Sep 1939. (see any pre-war map of EUROPE).

2. Must a SOVIET citizen be repatriated?

Yes, if recognised as such in accordance with para 1 above and claimed for repatriation by an accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer. We are under an international obligation to repatriate all SOVIET citizens regardless of their personal wishes.

3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

- (a) All United Nations' nationals (including all POLES), other than SOVIET citizens.
- (b) LATVIANS
- (c) LITHUANIANS
- (d) ESTONIANS
- (e) ROUMANIANS from BESSARABIA and BUKOVINA
- (f) HUNGARIANS (incl RUTHENIANS)
- (g) CZECHSLOVAK citizens (incl inhabitants of SUB-CARPATHIAN RUTHENIA)
- (h) RUSSIAN emigres who were ordinarily resident outside the SOVIET Union before 22 Jun 1941.
- (i) Persons of undetermined nationality even if of RUSSIAN extraction.

N.B. Persons of nationalities in (a) to (g) above inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so.

4. What is the position of RUSSIAN women who have married men of other nationality and claim such nationality?

Each case must be referred individually through the normal channel to this H.Q.

5. What camps may SOVIET Liaison Officers visit?

- (a) All camps containing only SOVIET citizens
- (b) Any other camp provided the SOVIET Liaison Officer is accompanied by a British Officer.

6. What to do in case of doubt.

Refer to nearest Mil Gov Relief Detachment.

Boards are being set up in each Corps District to settle disputed cases.



Attn: 2248

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BAD OEYSHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

13 Sep 45.

A (Co-ord)  
BAOR

SUBJECT: Guide to Soviet Repatriation Problems

1. At Appendix "A" is a "Guide to SOVIET Repatriation Problems". This "Guide" has been agreed by the DCOS (Exec) and the Political and Legal Division of the Control Commission for Germany (British Element).
2. It is desired that the "Guide" should be available to all officers who may be concerned in dealing with any SOVIET Repatriation problems. It is suggested therefore that it be issued throughout the BAOR down to a scale of one per platoon or equivalent unit in formations concerned with the handling of DPs.
3. In the case of Mil Gov it is desired to issue the Guide as rapidly as possible to all Staffs, dets, and officers concerned as well as to UNRRA and the British Red Cross, and the necessary distribution will be made by this Division. The number of copies required by Mil Gov is 2,300 and it is requested that the figure be included in the total printing demand.

RBL/BWH

*RSL*  
Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to: A(Wehr)  
P & S.S. B.A.O.R.,

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BRC Teams	15	20	50	85

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DECREES REGARDING A GENERAL AMNESTY AND CLEMENCY.

Article 1.

A general amnesty is hereby extended to the following :

1. All persons who participated in Chetnik or Nedich units, units of the Croatian or Slovene Demobrans, Moslem militia, Shqiptar (Albanian) armed formations and all other armed formations in the service of the forces of occupation or which gave aid to them, as well as all persons who belonged to corresponding political organizations or corresponding administrative or judicial agencies;
2. All persons who deserted from the Yugoslav Army or who did not report for mobilization and who did not join the enemy prior to the date of the publication of this decree;
3. All persons who collaborated with the forces of occupation in the cultural or artistic field insofar as that collaboration did not exceed the limits of their regular occupational activities;
4. All persons who slandered or insulted the Yugoslav Army, its representatives, people's authorities or their agencies.

Article 2.

The following are excluded from the amnesty extended in Article 1, Section 1 above :

1. Ustashi, Lyotich forces and members of the Russian Volunteer Corps, except those who were mobilized by force after 1 January, 1942;
2. Persons in the above-named formation and organizations who committed crimes such as murder, arson, rape and similar crimes;
3. Persons who were members of the Kulturbund, informers, agents, employees and other officials of the Gestapo, Ovra and all secret political police organizations in the service of the forces of occupation and military courts;
4. Ideological instigators, organizers and leaders, those who financed in any great measure or who contributed materially to the above-named cadres from the commandant and battalion commander and higher (commandants and chiefs of regiments, brigades, divisions and corps), and chiefs and managers in the superior civil service;
5. Persons who fled abroad from their responsibility before the people's authorities.

Article 3.



Ext. 340.

Legal Division, *Ad*

Main H.Q.,

Control Commission for Germany,  
(B.E.), Lübecke, B.A.O.R.

Legal/HQ/TS.88

11 Sep 45.

To: P.W. & D.P. Division.

SUBJECT: Soviet Repatriation Problems.

Reference your PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1 dated 10 Sep 45.

1. It is suggested that para. 3 of the draft guide would be less ambiguous if it were re-drafted as follows:-

"3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

Nationals of all countries (other than Soviet Citizens) including:-

- (a) POLES
- (a) LATVIANS
- (b) LITHUNIANS
- (c) ESTONIANS
- (d) ROUMANIANS from BESSARABIA and BUKOVINA
- (e) HUNGARIANS (incl. RUTHENIANS)
- (f) CZECHOSLOVAK citizens (incl. inhabitants of SUB-CARPATHIAN RUTHENIA)
- (g) RUSSIAN emigres who were ordinarily resident outside the SOVIET Union before 22 Jun 41
- (h) Persons of undetermined nationality even if of RUSSIAN extraction.

N.B. Persons of nationalities in (a) to (g) inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so".

2. Otherwise this Division has no comments.

HMW/BRC.

*Henrik Wilkerson*  
*May 1944*  
Chief, Legal Division.



TELEGRAM

No. 229

Date: 25/1

*Steel*  
258

From: F.O.

MOST IMMEDIATE

Rec: 5.30 p.

Following for Steel from Northern Dept.

My immediately <sup>? following</sup> preceding tel. Text Begins.

- a) H.M. Govt. (do not ?) at present regard themselves as bound under the Crimea agreement to agree to the compulsory repatriation of persons coming from territories acquired by the Soviet Union at any time since Sept. 1st 1939. Notification will be given of any change in this policy
- b) Persons from these territories who wish to return to their homes should be allowed to do so, but they should not be repatriated against their wish.
- c) Persons ordinarily resident in Soviet territory within the boundaries existing on Sept. 1st 1939 (including such BYELO - Russians and Ukrainians as come within this category) must be regarded as Soviet citizens if they are claimed as such by the Soviet authorities, and they must be repatriated whether they wish to go or not.
- d) If a woman formerly a Soviet citizen claims another nationality by marriage, her case <sup>will</sup> <sup>together with any available document to this H.P.</sup> must be referred for decision.
- e) Russian ~~EMIGRES~~ who were ordinarily resident outside the Soviet Union before June 22nd 1941 will not be repatriated against their wishes. Stateless persons of other than Soviet citizenship, even if of Russian extraction, <sup>will</sup> shall not be handed over to the Soviet Repatriation authorities unless they explicitly state that they wish to go to U.S.S.R.



Steel

From: F.O.

TELEGRAM

Date: 25.8

No. 230

Rec. 16.25 25.8

R/OTP

MOST IMMEDIATE

Following for Steel from Northern Dept.

Your tel. No. 123.

We are advised that our signature of the Roumanian armistice agreement and our recognition of the present Polish Govt: which has just concluded an agreement with the Soviet Govt: defining the Soviet Polish frontier, may be held to imply de facto recognition of the incorporation into the U.S.S.R. of the territories taken over by the Soviet Govt: from Poland and Roumania. It follows that para a) of your tel. No. 124 does not accurately represent the present position. We have not however given de jure recognition to the transfer of these territories and we have not changed our policy of allowing displaced persons from areas annexed by the Soviet Union since the German declaration of war on Poland to decide freely whether or not they will return home.

2) Para. f) of your tel. No. 124 is also inaccurate. The YALTA agreement applies to all Soviet citizens liberated by forces under British Command. The date of their liberation is irrelevant and this paragraph should therefore be omitted.

3) There are a number of other amendments which we consider it advisable to make. We suggest therefore that you couch your instructions in the form given in my immediately following telegram.

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Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1.

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PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission  
for Germany (EE)  
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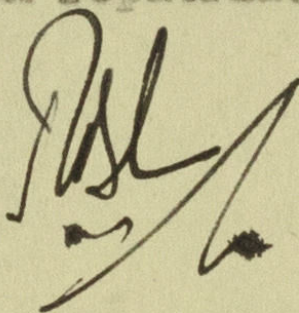
16 Sep 45

Legal Division  
C.C.G. (EE)  
Attention Lt. Col.  
G.M. PARBURY.

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Reference conversation LONGE-  
PARBURY.

1. Herewith draft which has been approved  
by DCOS and Political Division for issue  
to all concerned with repatriation of  
SOVIET citizens.



RBL/BMM

Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



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1. Who is/a SOVIET citizen?

A person concerning whom there is a prima facie case of SOVIET nationality and who normally resided within the boundaries of the USSR on 1 Sep 1939.

(see any pre-war map of EUROPE).

2. Must a SOVIET citizen be repatriated?

Yes, if recognised as such in accordance with para 1 above and claimed for repatriation by an accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer. We are under an international obligation to repatriate all SOVIET citizens regardless of their personal wishes.

3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

- (a) All United Nations' nationals (including all POLES), other than SOVIET citizens.
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- (i) Persons of undetermined nationality even if of RUSSIAN extraction.

N.B. Persons of nationalities in (a) to (g) above inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so.

4. What is the position of RUSSIAN women who have married men of other nationality and claim such nationality?

Each case must be referred individually through the normal channels to this H.Q.

5. What camps may SOVIET Liaison Officers visit?

- (a) All camps containing only SOVIET citizens
- (b) Any other camp provided the SOVIET Liaison Officer is accompanied by a British Officer.

6. What to do in case of doubt.

Refer to nearest Mil Gov Relief Detachment.

Boards are being set up in each Corps District to settle disputed cases.

*PW and DP Division  
Control Commission for Germany (British Element).*

*Sep 1945*



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GUIDE TO SOVIET NATIONALITY

*Repatriation Problem*

*Repatriable as +*

1. Who is a SOVIET citizen?

A person concerning whom there is a prima facie case of <sup>SOVIET</sup>RUSSIAN nationality and who normally resided within the boundaries of the USSR as on 1 Sep 1939. (See any pre-war Map of Europe).

2. Must a SOVIET citizen be repatriated?

Yes, if <sup>recognised as such in accordance with para. 1 above and</sup> claimed for repatriation by an accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer.

At YALTA we agreed to repatriate <sup>ALL</sup> SOVIET citizens <sup>liberated by our forces</sup> regardless of their <sup>we are under an international obligation</sup> personal wishes.

3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

- (a) All United Nations nationals (including all POLES), other than Soviet citizens.
- (b) LATVIANS
- (c) LITHUANIANS
- (d) ESTONIANS
- (e) ROUMANIANS from BESSARABIA and BUKOVINA
- (f) HUNGARIANS (incl RUTHENIANS)
- (g) Czechoslovak citizens (including inhabitants of Sub-Carpathian Ruthenia)
- h (g) RUSSIAN emigres who were ordinarily resident outside the SOVIET

Union before 22 Jun 1941.

- i (h) <sup>Of undetermined nationality if</sup> Stateless persons even of RUSSIAN extraction.

N.B. Persons of nationalities in (a) to (g) above inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so.

4. What is the position of RUSSIAN women who have married men of other nationality? *and claim another nationality*

Each case must be referred individually through channels to <sup>the normal</sup> legal Division, Main Hq Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

6. What to do in case of doubt.

Refer to nearest Mil Gov <sup>(Ref)</sup> Detachment.

Boards are being set up in each Corps District to settle disputed cases.

5. What camps <sup>?</sup> May SOVIET Liaison Officers visit camps containing other than SOVIET National

Yes, if accompanied by a BRITISH officer.

- (a) All camps containing only Soviet citizens.
- (b) Any other camp provided the Soviet liaison officer is accompanied by a British officer.



Allied Liaison

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It is requested that one copy of the enclosed letter No.  
PWDP/16032/B/Exec.1 be passed to the Senior SOVIET Liaison Officer  
for Repatriation.

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Tel: 2248

Ref: PWDP/16032/B/Exec 1.

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HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (RE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

8 Sep 45.

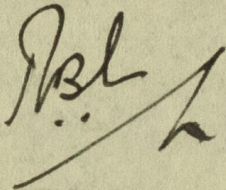
Senior Russian L.O. for  
Repatriation.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of SOVIET citizens.

20 "  
Reference letter BAOR/16032/B/MG 8(a) dated  
30 Aug 45.

1. In order to obviate misunderstanding between British Military authorities and SOVIET Liaison Officers concerning determination of SOVIET nationality, it is requested that you will inform all SOVIET Liaison Officers of the rulings to Corps Districts contained in para 6 of the above quoted letter.

2. Would you kindly confirm to this Headquarters that SOVIET Liaison Officers will be so informed.

  
Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RBL/BWH

Copy to: G(Ops) A.  
Allied Liaison.  
A(PWX)



BAOR/46032/B/EXEC 1  
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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

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PWD 1782 (.) ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ (.) ref your MG A 186 dated 291808 B and this

HQ PWD 1736 dated 011900B (.) Senior RUSSIAN LO has been asked to inform

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his LOs of rulings contained in this HQ letter BAOR/46032/B/IC8(a) para 6

regarding determination of nationality

This message may be sent  
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If liable to be intercepted or to fall  
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D R A F TGUIDE TO SOVIET NATIONALITY1. Who is a SOVIET citizen?

A person concerning whom there is a prima facie case of RUSSIAN nationality and who normally resided within the boundaries of the USSR as on 1 Sep 1939. (See any pre-war Map of Europe).

2. Must a SOVIET citizen be repatriated?

Yes, if claimed for repatriation by an accredited SOVIET Liaison Officer. At YALTA we agreed to repatriate SOVIET citizens regardless of their personal wishes.

3. What persons will not be repatriated or handed over to the SOVIET authorities against their wishes?

- (a) All United Nations nationals (including all POLES), other than Soviet citizens.
- (b) LATVIANS
- (c) LITHUANIANS
- (d) ESTONIANS
- (e) ROUMANIANS from BESSARABIA and BUKOVINA
- (f) HUNGARIANS (incl RUTHENIANS)
- (g) RUSSIAN emigres who were ordinarily resident outside the SOVIET Union before 22 Jun 1941.
- (h) Stateless persons even of RUSSIAN extraction.

N.B. Persons of nationalities in (a) to (f) above inclusive will be allowed to return to their homes if they wish to do so.

4. What is the position of RUSSIAN women who have married men of other nationality?

Each case must be referred individually through channels to Legal Division, Main HQ Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

5. What to do in case of doubt.

Refer to nearest Mil Gov (R) Det.

Boards are being set up in each Corps District to settle disputed cases.

6. May SOVIET Liaison Officers visit Camps containing other than SOVIET Nationals

Yes, if accompanied by a BRITISH officer.



24A

Ref: 2248

Hq PW & DP Division,  
Main Hq  
Control Commission for Germany (BB)  
BAD OBERHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PDP/16032/A/Exec 1.

8 Sep 45.

30 Corps District Mil Gov

SUBJECT: Nationality Status.

Reference HANOVER Region 229/Mil Gov/33B dated 27 Aug (not to 30 Corps District) enclosing a communication from 914 (L/R) Mil Gov Det requesting a ruling on nationality.

In view of the fact that the approx. 1000 individuals forming the subject of enquiry have resided for the past 200 years in RUSSIA and were so resident on 1 Sep 1939, they are regarded as SOVIET citizens, and must be repatriated to the USSR if so claimed by an accredited SOVIET Repatriation official.

*P. Blount*  
Lieut Colonel  
for Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RHL/DMH

Copy to: 229 P Det Mil Gov HANOVER  
914 (L/R) Det Mil Gov LUXBURG.



RNDP/16032/B/EXEC 1

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

## MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 23A

Srl. No.

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FROM

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For Action.

30 CORPS DISTRICT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

GR

Originator's No.

RNDP 1736 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) ref your MG A 186 of 29 Aug 45 (.)

instructions on policy concerning status of Soviet citizens will be

sent to all Corps Districts (.) hold all doubtful cases pending receipt

of these instructions



16032/B  
21A  
HANOVER 62107

Subject:- NATIONALITY STATUS

229/Mil Gov/38B

27 Aug 45

21 AGp Mil Gov

The attached query has been received from  
914 (L/R) Det.  
May a ruling please be given on this matter.

HANOVER  
EL/CP

*[Signature]*  
Colonel  
R.M.G.O  
Military Government  
HANOVER REGION



C O P Y

Tele:- LÜNEBURG 5061 : Ext 12  
LÜNEBURG 5009 (automatic)

Subject:- NATIONALITY STATUS

914/A/SR9/36

To:- HQ Mil Gov HANOVER Region.

1. For the past 200 years a colony of approx 1 000 people of German descent have lived on the shores of the Black Sea in Russia. These people speak both German and Russian.
2. When the Germans captured that part of Russia these people were then regarded as "Volks Deutsche" When the Ger retreated they were taken back to Germany where they still regarded as "Volksdeutsche"
3. The Russian authority are now demanding that they be returned to Russia and will use force to have them repatriated.
4. It is felt that these personnel are Russian Sub and must therefore return to Russia. May a ruling be g please.

LÜNEBURG  
21 Aug 45.

McW / EK. - CP

for Comd 914 (L/R)

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HQ 30 CORPS DISTRICT

29 1808 B

For Action

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

MG 186 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) for MG 8 (a) (.) new senior  
 RUSSIAN LO states now agreed LITHUANIANS, LATVIANS and  
 ESTONIANS are Soviet citizens (.) told him only volunteers  
 repatriated at present (!) request SKRINNICK infm his LOs  
 accordingly

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**  
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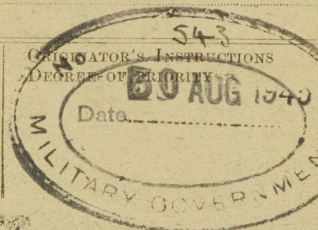
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Political Division,

Main H.Q.,

Control Commission for Germany,  
(British Element),

B. L. A.

18A  
CWE

Pol 289

23rd August, 1945

With the compliments  
of H.Q. Political Division.

Or

TO:

Major-General G. W. R. Templer,

DCA/Mil. Gov.

21 ARMY GROUP

DD/PW x pw —

MG8 @



1603218  
TELEGRAM

Tel. to Foreign Office

Des: 12.0 noon 23/8 MM/FMS

No. 123 cypher 23/8

IMMEDIATE

Repeated Berlin *hob*

Addressed to the F.O. tel. 123 of Aug: 23rd Rept. to Berlin.

Following from Steel for Northern Dept.

Military Government are anxious that officers concerned with repatriation of Soviet displaced persons should have unambiguous and comprehensive guidance on the question of Soviet nationality. Straightforward cases have been largely disposed of and Soviet liaison officers may soon begin to press for repatriation under terms of Yalta agreement of large numbers whom they claim as Soviet citizens and who will not go voluntarily.

2. My immediately following telegram contains text of instructions which Military Government propose to issue shortly.

3. May I have your comments by 25 August?



TELEGRAM

To: Foreign Office

124

No. Cypher

Repeated Berlin 7

Des 12.10 pm. FMS/IM

IMMEDIATE

23/8

Addressed to the Foreign Office 124 of 23/8 rept. to Berlin. *ho?*

Following from Steel for Northern Dept. My immediately preceding tel.

Following is text.

(a) H.M.G. have not recognized any transfers of territory to the U.S.S.R. since 2nd September 1939 and therefore do not regard as Soviet citizens persons who at that time were citizens of countries since occupied by Soviet Russia.

(b) If such persons as in (a) above wish to be repatriated this should be done, but H.M.G. continue to regard them as not repeat not being Soviet citizens.

(c) These persons whose houses were in Soviet territory as it existed on 2nd September 1939 (including of course these Ukrainians who come within this category) must be regarded as Soviet citizens if they are claimed as such by the Soviet authorities.

(d) If a woman formerly a Soviet citizen claims another nationality by virtue of marriage, her case must be referred for decision.

(e) Persons not displaced by reason of the war, stateless persons and persons who have never had or have been deprived of Soviet citizenship will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union against their wishes.

(f) Any persons uncovered prior to (11 Feb. 1945) will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union against their wish.

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16A  
Tel: Ext. 2246 - 21 A Gp

Ref: PWDP/58044

To : Exec Section

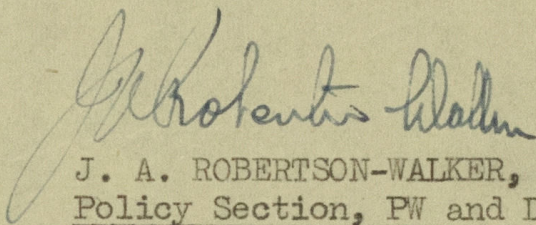
Policy Section, PW & DP Division  
Main HQ, Control Commission for  
Germany (British Element)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN, B. L. A.

17 Aug 45

Subject: Status - Russian women married  
to Enemy or Ex-enemy Nationals 14A

Reference your memo 21 A Gp/16032/B/MG8(a) dated  
16 Aug.

Political Division have given the ruling that Russian  
women married to Enemy or Ex-enemy Nationals take the nationality  
of their husband and therefore should not be handed over to the  
Soviet Authorities.

  
J. A. ROBERTSON-WALKER, Lt. Col.,  
Policy Section, PW and DP Division

Copy: Political Division CCG(BE)

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COMBINED  
DISPLACED PERSONS EXECUTIVE  
c/o G-5 Division, USFET

GE-CDPX 383.7 (3.89)

15 August 1945

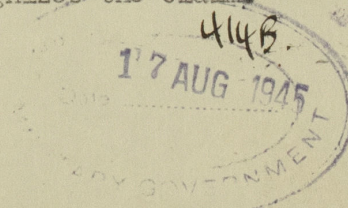
SUBJECT: Repatriation of Soviet Citizens

TO : Headquarters, 21st Army Group (Attention Mil Gov 8) ✓  
Headquarters, Military Government, French Zone (Attn: Displaced Persons Division)

The following is a statement of the policy now in force in the U. S. Zone of Germany concerning the repatriation of Soviet Citizens. It is forwarded to you for your information. This Executive would appreciate your comments.

1. Persons who so desire will be repatriated if their claim to Soviet citizenship is accepted by a Soviet repatriation representative.
2. In the event that persons identified as Soviet citizens by Soviet repatriation representatives oppose repatriation, and there is any ground for doubt, the case will be referred to a board of officers appointed by authority of the Military District Commander, and the person will not be handed over unless adjudged in fact to come within the category of persons whose repatriation is required. Authority of military district commanders to appoint boards may be redelegated. Questions of fact will be determined independently by the boards; statements by repatriation representatives will be given due weight as evidence.
3. Persons whose homes were in territory not included within the political boundaries of the Soviet Union as of 1st September 1939 will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union unless they affirmatively claim Soviet citizenship. Any standard prewar map or atlas may be consulted.
4. Persons uncovered prior to 11 February 1945 will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union unless they so desire.
5. Persons not displaced by reason of the war will not be repatriated unless they so desire. As a rule of thumb, persons resident outside the Soviet Union on 1 September 1939 will be deemed not to have been displaced by reason of the war.
6. In the case of women claiming to have acquired the nationality of another of the United Nations by reason of marriage, the claim will be submitted to a repatriation representative or other competent official of the country nationality of which is claimed and the person will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union without the express concurrence of such representative or official. Soviet citizenship is not lost by marriage under Soviet law, but in a case of dual nationality the subject will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union against his wishes if the other United Nation concerned recognizes the claim.

Smiley 'HER'





7. Ukrainians are not recognized as a nationality and will be dealt with according to their nationality status as Soviet citizens, nationals of other countries, or stateless persons.

For the Chiefs, CDPX:

*A. H. Moffitt, Jr.*  
A. H. MOFFITT, Jr.  
Colonel, GSC  
Executive

Copies:

USFET Mission (France)  
" " (Belgium)  
" " (Luxembourg)  
" " (Netherlands)  
" " (Norway)  
" " (Denmark)  
UMRRA European Regional Office (London)

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14A

SUBJECT: Repatriation - RUSSIAN women.

21 A Gp/16032/B/MG8(a)

16 Aug 45.

Policy Section  
PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany(BE)

Reference this HQ TOP SECRET letter 21 A Gp/15856/4/CA/  
Mil Gov of 28 Jun 45 (copy attached).

1. It will be noted that the <sup>repatriation</sup> policy laid down for RUSSIAN women married to nationals of Allied countries is covered by the attached letter. No ruling is available regarding the status of RUSSIAN women married to Enemy and Ex-Enemy Nationals.

2. An answer is urgently required to the following question:-

Must a RUSSIAN woman who married an enemy or ex-enemy national, after her country of origin was at war with the enemy or ex-enemy country, be handed over to the SOVIET authorities for compulsory repatriation.

O.D. Conkle Dir

Colonel  
Mil Gov 8

Extn: 2248

Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
B L A

OCC/BWH.

Original handed over  
to Maj. Robinson

16/8

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16032/B  
13A  
SUBJECT:- Identification of Soviet Citizens

21 A Gp/15856/13/CA/Mil Gov 1(c)

Control Commission for GERMANY  
(British Element) Main HQ  
Political Division  
B L A

18 Aug 45

NR  
Ref your POL 289 of 3 Aug 45.

1. In the above-mentioned letter you state that you recommend that a British Officer should accompany the Russian Repatriation Officer when the latter interviews DPs in non-Soviet Camps. Our 21 A Gp/15856/13/CA/Mil Gov 1(c) of 29 July also referred to the question of a board being formed to review any cases concerning which the British accompanying Officer considered there was an element of doubt. The question of appointing this board was not mentioned in your reply. 12A

2. Will you please state what your views are concerning the setting up of a board for the purpose suggested? The provision of suitable personnel to sit on the board is likely to prove exceedingly difficult, but cases of disagreement on nationalities have already arisen and many more are likely to arise when the main body of Russian DPs have been repatriated and only those whose nationality is open to dispute are left.

Ext 2223  
Headquarters  
21 Army Group  
BLA.

*W. L. L. L.*  
6 Major-General  
DCA/Mil Gov

Copy to:- CA/Mil Gov 8

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16032/B 12A

SUBJECT: Identification of Soviet Citizens

21 A Gp/15856/13/GV/MIL Gov 1(c)

Director,  
Political Division  
Central Commission (Brit Element)

27 Jul 45

1. A number of cases have already occurred in which disputes have arisen as to whether or not certain displaced persons are Soviet citizens. It is anticipated that a good many more cases of a similar nature will occur in the future.
2. The Americans are experiencing a similar difficulty. Copies of two THBs which have been sent out by USFET, dealing with this subject, are attached. You will observe that in these THBs the Americans have issued instructions to the effect that a US officer shall accompany the Russian repatriation officer when he interviews DPs in non-Soviet camps. If both the Russian repatriation officer and the US officer agree that the DP concerned is a Soviet citizen, such DP will be immediately removed to a Soviet camp. If the US officer considers there is any ground for doubt, the case will be reviewed by a specially selected board of officers, who will be responsible for arriving at a final decision.
3. The ruling given in SHAF Technical Instruction No 39 is at present being followed in order to arrive at a decision as to who is and who is not a Soviet citizen; it is understood that you have a copy of this instruction. It is, however, impossible to avoid disputes regarding citizenship arising in a number of cases, particularly among the minorities living along the Soviet-Polish border, some of whom speak neither Russian nor Polish. The method which the Americans have adopted to deal with this problem seems a reasonable one, and it is felt that it might well be advisable to put into practice a similar method in the British Zone. The difficulty is going to be that of finding suitable officers, with a sufficient knowledge of the question, to sit on the board which is suggested.
4. Will you please state what your views are on this matter, and whether you would recommend that the American plan be followed in the British Zone?

M 21 Army Group

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Major-General,  
Chief of Staff.

Dmg

Copies to:- A(PWX) )  
MIL Gov 2 } with copies of THBs  
MIL Gov 8 } referred to in para 2.

Seen SOIA - 30/7/45



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MAIN 21 ARMY GROUP SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE KD 305

FROM UNFET MAIN FROM GDEK SIGNED EIGHTHOWER 171200B  
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TO CG COM ZONE  
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(JEAR PLS PASS); UNFPA; MILITARY MISSION TO MOSCOW;  
BRITISH MILITARY MISSION TO MOSCOW (JESS PLS PASS);  
UNFET MISSION TO FRANCE; UNFET MISSION TO BELGIUM;  
UNFET MISSION TO DENMARK; UNFET MISSION TO NORWAY  
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MAIN21 ARMY GROUP SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE JD 207

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FROM SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE GE  
TO CG SEVENTH ARMY  
INFO CG THIRD ARMY, CG TWELFTH ARMY GROUP, C IN C 21 ARMY GROUP  
CG USFA

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S 12456. SECRET. PARA ONE. REFERENCE YOUR CABLE CP - 21376 DATED 10 JULY 1945. CHIEF RUSSIAN LIAISON OFFICER THIS HQ VISITED MESSINGHOFF CAMP NEAR CASSEL ON 9 JULY AND STATES THAT NO MEMBERS OF CAMP STAFF HAD BEEN REIN REPLACED. REQUEST YOU TAKE UP THIS MATTER AGAIN AS ONE OF URGENCY. PARA TWO. IT IS DESIRED THAT MR. G.V. BOLDREFF AND MISS IRENE VERNON, HOLDERS OF NAZIEN PASSPORTS, PLACED UNDER ARREST ON A CHARGE OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND AFTER INVESTIGATION APPROPRIATE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED. PARA THREE. PERSONS IN THE CAMP WHO ARE SOVIET CITIZENS WILL BE REMOVED FORTHWITH TO THE NEAREST SOVIET CAMP WHERE THERE WILL BE A DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF RUSSIAN OFFICIALS. PARA FOUR. RUSSIAN REPATRIATION REPRESENTATIVES WHEN INTERVIEWING SOVIET CITIZENS IN THIS OR OTHER CAMPS UNDER US MILITARY CONTROL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A US OFFICER FROM THE US UNIT OR MILITARY GOVERNMENT ATTACHMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAMP. IN ALL CASES SOVIET CITIZENS IDENTIFIED AS SUCH BY SOVIET REPATRIATION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ACCOMPANYING US OFFICER WILL BE MOVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SOVIET CAMPS. PARA FIVE CITIZENS OF FORMER BALTIK STATES AND POLS COMING FROM THE DISTRICTS EAST OF THE CURZON LINE ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS SOVIET CITIZENS UNLESS THEY AFFIRMATIVELY CLAIM SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. PARA SIX. UKRAINIANS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS NATIONALITY AND WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THEIR NATIONALITY STATUS AS SOVIET CITIZENS, CZECH CITIZENS, NATIONALS OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY OF WHICH THEY BE CITIZENS, OR AS STATELESS PERSONS.

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D O P NIL

141700D



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11A

Subject- RUSSIAN Repatriation Official

21 A Gp/16032/B/MG.

22 July 45.

Mil Gov 1 (c) (Attention Major Clarke)

1. Reference conversation CLARKE-ROBERTSON, herewith copies of signals.
2. It is requested that a ruling be given regarding paragraphs underlined.

*WRL*  
Brigadier,  
DDCA/Mil Gov (Adm)

Tel Ex 3013.  
Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
BLA.



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MAIN 21 ARMY GROUP SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE KD 305

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FROM: USFET MAIN FROM CDPX SIGNED EISENHOWER  
CITE GE

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TO: CG COM ZONE

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THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED  
OUTSIDE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
OR HEADQUARTERS, OR RE-TRANSMITTED  
EVEN IN CIPHER WITHOUT BEING PARA-  
PHASED.

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171200B

Date.....

18 JUL 1945

MILITARY GOVERNMENT

JG.



Brief

Phantom Wireless sets required for control  
of DPs.

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21 A Gp/16038/MLI Gov.

FILE

10 Jun 45.

1. In the BRITISH National Zone there will be something under one million RUSSIANS to be transferred through five transfer points.
2. The average numbers which at present can be transferred daily at each point are:-

(R)

WISMAR	2/3000
GRIVITZ	2/3000
LUDWIGSLUST	2/3000
STENDAL	1000/1500
MAGDEBURG	4/5000
TOTAL 11/16500	

3. To assist in keeping an even flow of RUSSIANS moving EAST and always to have sufficient ready at hand to transfer, 'cushions' have been formed as follows.

LUEBECKE	6000
LUNEBURG	6000
MAGDEBURG	1500

4. This is only equivalent to one days reserve and in order to have a proper coordinated transfer of RUSSIANS it is essential we have good communications to:-

- (a) Transfer Points.
- (b) Regulating and holding centres, eg. LUEBECKE, LUNEBURG.
- (c) Despatching RHs.

5. It is considered that Corps HQ should be in communication by W/T with transfer points, RHs and Regulating Centres in their areas and that this HQ should be in W/T Comm with each Corps HQ. Information could then be obtained from and passed quickly to all installations concerned with repatriation of RUSSIANS.

6. Set out at Appendix 'A' is a list of places where it is considered necessary to have W/T sets, giving the reasons why each type of installation is required. Set out at Appendix 'B' is a diagram showing locations and communications provided.



	Location W/T Set	Reason
	<u>R 12</u>	
	<u>1 Corps Dist</u>	
1	DULISBURG	(a) These sets will be in communication with their respective Corps HQ.
2	DORTMUND	(b) Trains take up to 48 hrs to reach their destinations and because of the inconsistency of the Russians to accept stated numbers daily, these trains have to be cancelled at short notice. It is not convenient to send a train back to RH once it has started neither is it easy to hold it up en route and maintain the DPs in the trains.
3	RHEINE	
4	SOEST	
	<u>8 Corps Dist</u>	
5	FLERSBURG	
	<u>30 Corps Dist</u>	
6	OSNABRUCK	(c) These sets will also be used by G(Mov) for sending out necessary tech inst for cancelling trains at short notice and altering train programmes.
7	MUNSTER	
		(d) Info as to the numbers of Russians in RH Staging Camps, available for movement will also be obtained over this net
	<u>Regulating points &amp;</u>	
	<u>Holding Centres</u>	
	<u>8 Corps</u>	
8	LIEBRICK	(a) Sets will be on Corps net.
9	<u>30 Corps</u>	
	LUNEBURG	(b) Following movement will be controlled with sets at these centres.
10	LOEBBUTTEL	(i) numbers to be despatched to transfer point each day
	GIFTHORN	



Location W/T Set

Reason

(ii) numbers which can be received from Western GERMANY for transfer during ensuing 48 hrs.

(iii) Based on this information, ~~and~~ train programme can be arranged.

(c) LUBBECKE also regulates trains from 8 Corps area and routes them either to WISMAR or ORIVITZ

Transfer points

11

WISMAR

(a) The numbers the RUSSIANS will accept daily vary considerably. Sets at transfer points

12

SCHWERIN

will give early information of the numbers

30 Corps

13

LUDWIGLUST

RUSSIANS will accept on any particular day and

14

STENDAL

movement from RH to Holding Centres and Transfer

15

MAGDEBURG

Points can then be regulated for the following 48 hrs. The sets will also be used for calling forward RUSSIANS from the Holding Centres to the transfer points.

(b) These sets will also be used for reporting numbers transferred daily.

Barrier Zone

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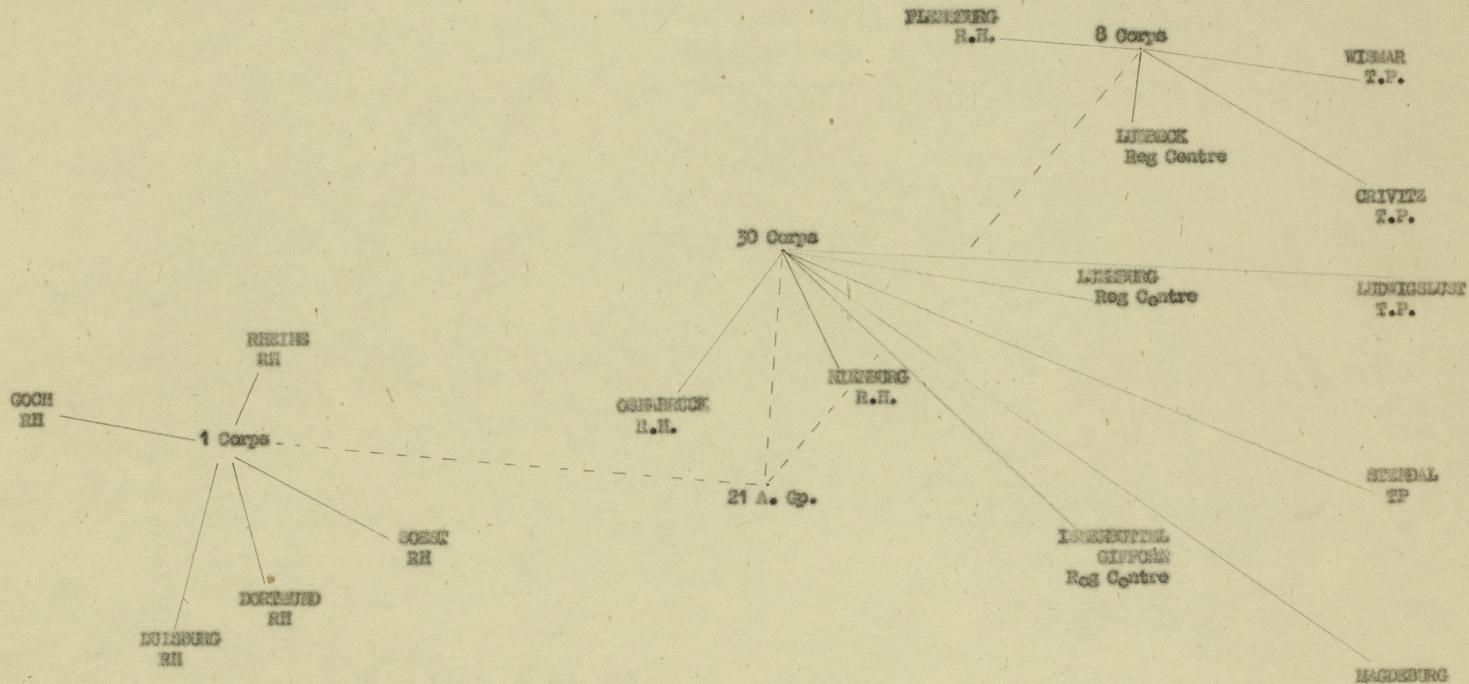
This set will be used to notify arrivals of DPs in Barrier Zone from RUSSIAN Zone and for arranging trains to FRANCE and BELGIUM. It is impossible to lay on a programme westwards from the Barrier Zone as numbers handed ~~lx~~ over by the RUSSIANS, <sup>vary and</sup> in consequence trains do ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> run to programme from LUBBECKE and LUNEBURG.

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DIAGRAM OF W/T LINES

APPENDIX "B" to 21 A Co/16038/211 Coy dated June 45





Subject:- Repatriation of Soviet Nationals

21 A Gp/16032/MG8

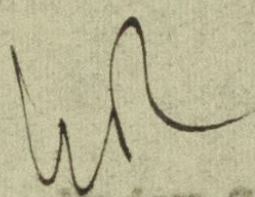
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DP Control  
30 Corps District  
(attn Lt. Col. DONALD)

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The attached copies of letters  
SHAFF/G-5/DP/2707/5 dated 14 June and  
21 A Gp/16032/CA/MG dated 6 July are  
forwarded for information.

Military Government  
Headquarters  
21 Army Group  
B.L.A.

  
Major General  
D CA/Mil Gov



**SUBJECT: Repatriation of SOVIET Nationals.**

21 A Gp/16032/GA/MS.

6 Jul 45.

1 Corps Dist Mil Gov.  
8 Corps Dist Mil Gov.  
30 Corps Dist Mil Gov.  
Hq L of C (GA).  
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1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from SHARP in reply to a request for clarification regarding the instruction for repatriation of SOVIET Nationals.

2. Technical Instruction No. 46 para 30 (c) refers.

Tel Rtn. 3013.  
Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
BLA.

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*DD. Com: A-1*

*Major General,  
D GA/Mil Gov.*



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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
G-5 Division  
Displaced Persons Branch

14 June 1945

SHARP/C-5/DP/2707/5

MEMO TO: Major-General DCA/MIL Gov.  
21 A Gp (Rear)

SUBJECT: DP Administrative Instruction.

Reference your 21 A Gp/16039/1/GA-8 of 29 May 1945.

1. By direction of the State Department and of the Foreign Office, persons displaced by reason of the War uncovered by the Allied Expeditionary Forces after 11 February 1945 who claim Soviet citizenship or whose documents or other acceptable evidence indicate Soviet citizenship and who are identified and documented as such by authorized Soviet Repatriation Representatives are to be repatriated regardless of their personal wishes. Persons of any nationality residing, prior to the War, in Countries other than their own and who were not subsequently displaced because of the War are not to be repatriated against their will. Soviet citizens formerly residing outside the USSR and who were subsequently displaced by reason of the War and uncovered by the Allied Expeditionary Forces, if identified and documented as Soviet citizens by authorized Soviet Repatriation Representatives are to be repatriated to the USSR whether or not they so desire.
2. Displaced Persons, except as above, who formerly resided in Countries other than their own, will be assisted to return to their Country of former residence, provided that liaison officers for repatriation concerned issue the necessary visas.
3. A Soviet citizen formerly residing in France, but displaced because of the War and uncovered by the Allied Expeditionary Forces in a Country other than France, if identified and documented by an authorized Soviet Repatriation Representative as a Soviet citizen, must be repatriated to the USSR or turned over to the Soviet authorities regardless of his personal wishes.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

(sgl) H. Price-Williams.

H. PRICE-WILLIAMS  
Brigadier  
Executive, G-5



SUPREME HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
G-5 Division  
Displaced Persons Branch

14 June 1945

SHAEF/G-5/DP/2707/5

MEMO TO: Major-General DCA/Mil Gov.  
21 A Gp (Rear)

G-5 Division  
Fwd  
Central Registry

SUBJECT: DP Administrative Instruction.

Date 12.6.45  
No. 409

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2. Displaced Persons, except as above, who formerly resided in Countries other than their own, will be assisted to return to their Country of former residence, provided that liaison officers for repatriation concerned issue the necessary visas. (See para 24 (a) of SHAEF Administrative Memorandum No. 39, Revised, which is misquoted in para 1 of your letter.)

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

CIVIL AFFAIRS STAFF

HEADQUARTERS 537 B

21 ARMY GROUP

16 JUN 1945

H. PRICE-WILLIAMS  
Brigadier  
Executive, G-5



SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Russians

Gds Armd Div  
3 Brit Inf Div  
49(WR) Inf Div  
53(W) Inf Div  
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So-1(a)

So-1(b)

So-1(c)

So-1(d)

609/5/MG

8 Jun 45

1. This letter is issued in order to lay down the policy for the repatriation of Russians.
2. Repatriation programmes will aim at clearing areas in the following order of priority :-
  - (a) The built up areas of the RUHR i.e. the area bounded by HILDEN SOLINGEN REMSCHEID HAGEN ISERLOHN SOEST LIPPSTADT HAMM HALTERN DORSTEN DINSLAKEN ORSOY MORS KREFELD-UERDINGEN-NEUSS.
  - (b) Any other industrial areas.
  - (c) Country areas in non-food producing districts.
  - (d) Country areas in food-producing districts.
3. Programme until 14 Jun
  - (a) One train of 2,000 from RHEDA allotted as follows :-
    - (i) 7,10,11 Jun - 3 Brit Inf Div
    - (ii) 12 - 14 Jun - 49(WR) Inf Div (with direction to clear LIPPSTADT area).
  - (b) One train of 2,000 per day from HOMBURG. Until 14 Jun. This will be filled by XXII US Corps in accordance with their programme.
4. Programme 15 - 24 Jun

The following bids have been made. It is by no means certain they will be met but they are given you so that you may think ahead on what will be the maximum commitment:-

  - (a) 53(W) Inf Div

2,000 per day airlift from airfd Y56 near MUNCHEN GLADBACH. This is allotted to 53(W) Inf Div with the following directions :-

    - (i) 100 sick per day to be lifted from MUNCHEN GLADBACH.
    - (ii) 1,900 per day from priority area as laid down in para (2) above.
  - (b) 49(WR) Inf Div
    - (i) One train per day at 1,500 from SOEST.
    - (ii) One train per day at 1,500 from UNNA.
  - (c) 3 Brit Inf Div
    - (i) One train per day at 1,500 from HALTERN.
    - (ii) One train per day at 1,500 from HERVEST - DORSTEN.
  - (d) 53(W) Inf Div

Two trains a day at 1,500 each from DUISBURG.

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HEADQUARTERS  
21 ARMY GROUP

10 JUN 1945

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(e) 3 Brit Inf Div and 53(W) Inf Div

As a low priority and without prejudice to the above trains, one train a day at 1,500 from BOCHOLT or HAMINKELN.

5. Future programmes

Divs will let this HQ know by 17 Jun what modifications they require in the above programme for the 10 days beginning 25 Jun, bearing in mind the priorities laid down in para (2) above.

6. Responsibility of Divs

- (a) To choose camps they want cleared.
- (b) To warn and prepare the occupants for travel.
- (c) To transport the repatriates from the Camp to the train.
- (d) To feed and water the repatriates up to and incl putting on board the train two days water and rations.

7. Make up of trains

Within the limits laid down in para 2 above, priority for evacuation as between DPs and PWX is left to Divs but the following considerations should be borne in mind.

- (a) Maximum saving in manpower should be achieved.
- (b) Where PWX are being fed largely on Serial 10 rations every effort should be made to reduce this commitment by evacuating PWX. There is no guarantee that Serial 10 rations will continue to be forthcoming for long at the present rate of expenditure.

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Copy to:-

G(Ops) 21 A Gp  
Mil Gov 21 A Gp  
15 L of C Sub Area  
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A(E)  
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Q(Mov)

Chief of Staff,  
1 Corps District.



Subject:- Russian DPs.

16038

54/50/CA.

8 Jun 45.

SHAEF Mission (FRANCE).

1. Some anxiety has been felt for some time regarding the position of approximately 600 Russians who are in a Camp at ROUNCHIN, near LILLE.
2. With the exception of a few who may have joined the camp lately, having come from GERMANY with FRENCH PIRs in error, all the Russians have been at Ronchin for upwards of six months. Responsibility for them was and still is accepted by the Russian Mission and it is presumed that they are supplied with food through French channels under arrangements made between the Russian Mission and the French Government. No responsibility has at any time been or is now accepted by the British authorities for these Russians.
3. Over a period of months various incidents have occurred between the Russians at Ronchin and the French authorities which have given rise to feelings of uneasiness, and there is no doubt that the maintenance of law and order in the district would be facilitated by the removal of the Russians.
4. In view of this, although no responsibility is, as stated above, accepted for the Russians, an offer was recently made to evacuate them to GERMANY by airlift. 150 Russians were in fact so evacuated but the remainder were not taken owing to the French and Russian authorities being unable to come to agreement as to who should go.
5. It is understood that the cause of the difficulty is certain Russian women who are alleged to have married French PIRs during the latter's stay in Germany. The remaining Russian men are not prepared to leave Ronchin unless the women go too whilst the French are not prepared to allow the Russian women to leave Ronchin until a check has been made to decide which have now assumed French nationality. The Russians are stated to be unwilling to agree to this check being made.
6. The British authorities are not of course in any way concerned as to the merits of the dispute between the French and the Russian Authorities, but it is clear that it would be in the interests of all concerned for the dispute to be resolved and for all the Russians who have not assumed French nationality to return to Germany en route for Russia. This HQ is therefore still prepared to arrange transport by rail or air from Ronchin to Germany for the entire party so soon as the necessary agreement can be reached between the French and the Russians.
7. It is accordingly requested that you approach the French authorities with a view to an endeavour being made at Government level to resolve the difficulties which exist between the French and Russian authorities in Lille on this subject and which appears to be beyond local solution.

L of C.  
the Field.

SOT(a)

SOT(b)

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L Gurney

Colonel.  
DDCA L of C.

Copy to:- Mil Gov, 21 Army Group Rear.  
CA, 17 L of C Sub Area.

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HEADQUARTERS  
21 ARMY GROUP  
19 JUN 1945  
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19 Jun



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SUBJECT:- Repatriation

21 A Gp/16032/CA

31 May 45.

Supreme Headquarters  
Allied Expeditionary Force,  
Main G-5  
Displaced Persons Branch

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~~21 A Gp/16032/CA~~  
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SbA

Further to this Headquarters letter No 21 A Gp/16039/1/CA 8 dated 29 May, the attached copy of letter ref 229/HE/DP/1 dated 13 May 45 from 229/305 (P) Det to C.G. NINTH US Army is forwarded.

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*Handwritten signature*

Civil Affairs  
Rear HQ 21 Army Gp  
B L A  
RBL/BD

Major General  
DCA/21st Army



Subject: DP Administrative Instruction.

16039/1/CA-8 46  
21 A Gp/32021/CA5.

Supreme Headquarters,  
Allied Expeditionary Force,  
G-5 Division.

29 May 45.

1. Reference SHAEF Adm Memo 39 (Revised) - DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES IN GERMANY. Sec III para 23 (c) indicates that all Displaced Persons identified by Soviet Repatriation Representatives as Soviet citizens will be repatriated regardless of their individual wishes. Sec III para 24 (a) indicates that all United Nations Displaced Persons formerly residing in countries other than their own will be assisted to return to their countries of origin.

2. Will you please say if for instance it is the intention that a Russian DP resident in say FRANCE before the war, and wishing to return thereto, if identified as a Soviet citizen, is to be forcibly handed over by the British authorities to the Soviet authorities.

See 1  
BGA  
CA/MIL Gov,  
Rear Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
BLA.

\* Should read  
"revoked"

Major-General,  
DCA/MIL Gov:

/DMA.

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SUBJECT:- RUSSIAN DPs

Ref: 223/DP

D.D.M.G., HQ 2 Cdn Corps  
From:- O.C. 223 (R) Mil Gov Det  
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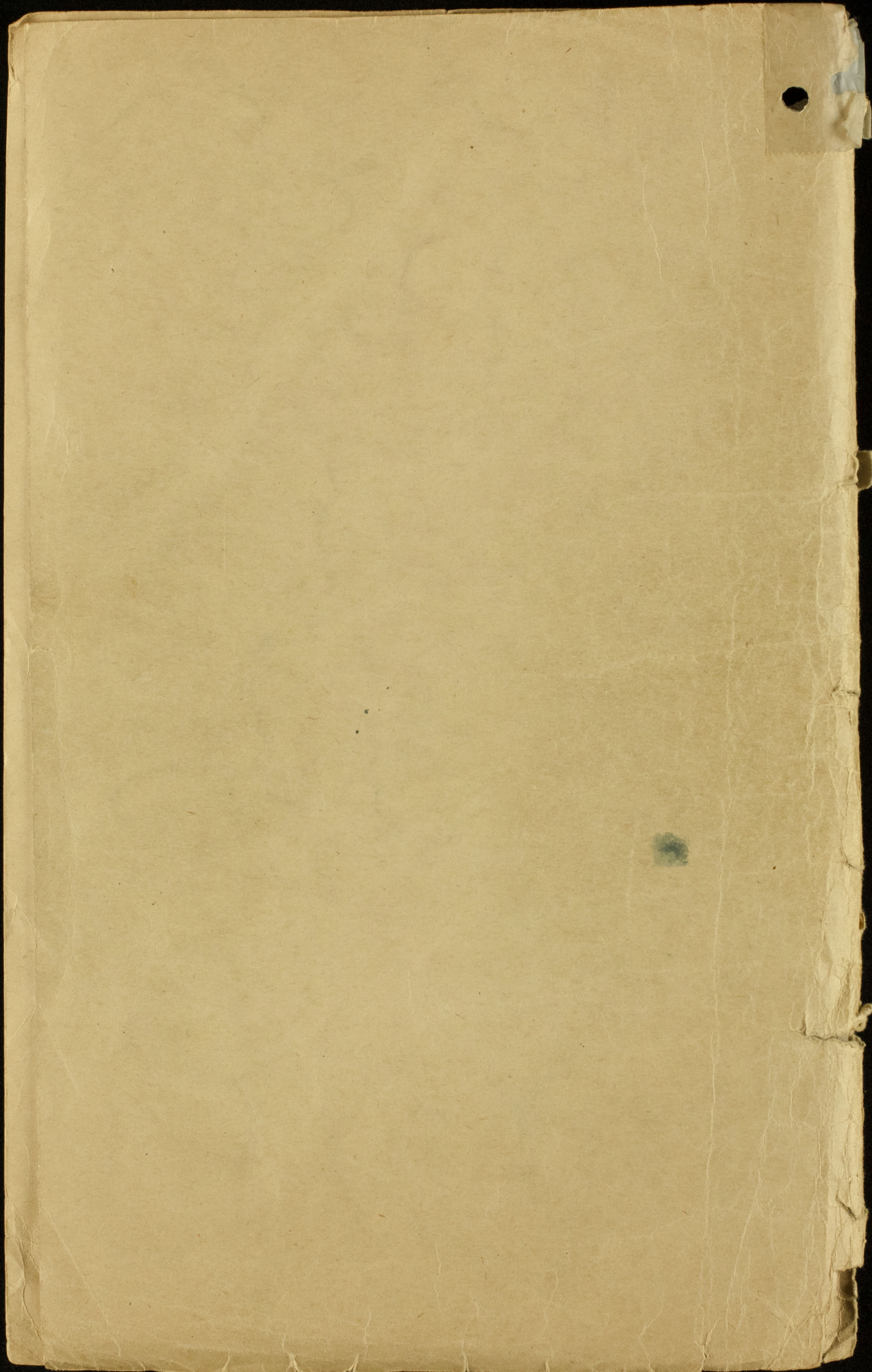
1. A difficult situation has been uncovered in the process of clearing the Camps NORTH of the Canal.
2. On the afternoon of 20 May 45 it was reported to me by Capt TAYLOR, 620 Det that he had approx 250 RUSSIANS, (the last in Camp 10) who refused to leave the Camp. I took two RUSSIAN LOs with me and visited the camp. I found that 250 included 16 women and 45 children and practically all the men had been employed with GERMAN Gestapo and were therefore afraid to go back to RUSSIA.  
  
Unfortunately, the RUSSIAN offrs threatened them which did not make the problem any easier.
3. After exhausting my powers of persuasion and realising the necessity for clearing the Camp I compromised by transporting them to a small camp at SANDE BANHOT, MR 200442.
4. This Camp is just large enough to hold these people and I have made arrangements to supply them with food etc. from SANDE Camp.
5. These people seem quite definite in their determination not to return to RUSSIA and as some disposition will eventually have to be made of them, may I receive instruction please.

(Signed) W.C. Fletcher

Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding No 223 (R) Mil Gov Det

In the Field,  
21 May 45,  
WCF/HH.







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